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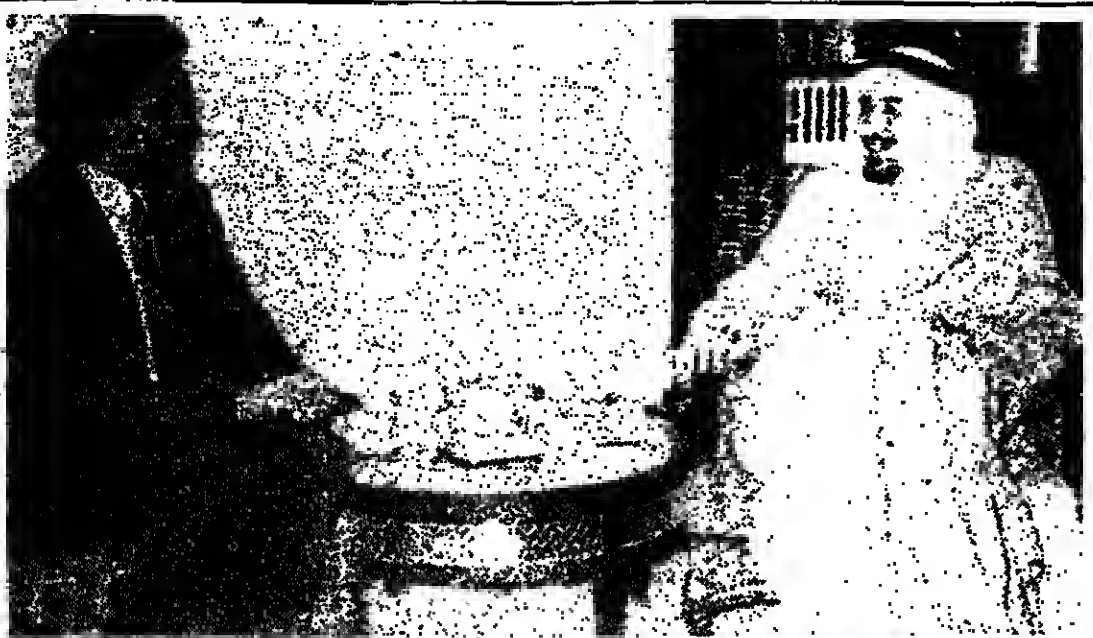


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RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — King Khalid received visiting Somali Minister of Presidency Affairs Dr. Omar Artah here Monday. Present at audience were Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation and Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's special adviser. Picture shows the King and the Somali minister. (SPA photo)

Iranian authorities reportedly cracking down on illegal guns

TEHRAN, April 30 (Agencies) — Iranian authorities have been ordered to disarm citizens who are considered incapable of handling weapons, sources in the office of Public Prosecutor Mehdi Hadavi said Monday.

They said the office has also issued strict orders to public prosecutors in the provinces asking them to stop illegal sales and smuggling of weapons.

Cabinet studies reports on housing, development

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday discussed follow-up reports on housing projects, the five-year development plan and a program proposed by the planning ministry for computer training.

After a two-hour meeting presided over by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, a spokesman said that Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Mu'ib briefed the cabinet on the steps taken to implement housing projects in Saudi Arabia.

teenagers, when the country's army barracks and police stations were stormed and seized in the February revolution.

The sources said however, that people with military training may retain their weapons providing the prosecutors office has the person's identification and whereabouts.

This implied that members of guerrilla factions, including the Mujahedeen, and the Marxist Fedayeen, may keep their weapons if they are recognized capable of handling them.

Expected this week Rashed to form new UAE cabinet

ABU DHABI, April 30 (R) — Dubai ruler Sheikh Rashed bin Said Al-Maktum Monday agreed to form a new government of the United Arab Emirates, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said.

The agency quoted Minister of State Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Humaid Al-Qasbi as saying that the new government was expected this week.

Sheikh Rashed succeeded his son Sheikh Maktum bin Rashed, who tendered his cabinet's resignation six days ago as the first step under a Kuwaiti mediation plan to end discord among the UAE leaders.

Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah had made two trips to the UAE to reconcile the rulers.

Sheikh Rashed boycotted the meetings of the UAE Supreme Council, which had been summoned to a meeting on March 21 for the first time since November 1976, because of opposition to a memorandum outlining ways to cement the federation.

The memorandum, prepared by the cabinet and the Federal Council (parliament), called for the



Sheikh Rashed

abolition of state boundaries, and more integration in all fields, including military, security and economy, and a permanent constitution.

Sheikh Maktum's cabinet will carry on its work until the new government was formed, WAM said.

UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan appointed Sheikh Rashed as prime minister after a two-hour secret meeting of the Supreme Council, composed of the rulers of the seven federated emirates.

Sheikh Rashed will retain his post as the UAE vice-president.

Cairo retaliates Iran terminates ties with Egyptian regime

CAIRO, April 30 (Agencies) — Iran Monday became the first non-Arab Muslim country to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt in protest against the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Egypt immediately retaliated in kind, accusing Iran of bending to pressure from Arab headline states.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman denounced the decision by revolutionary religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini and said the move was made because Iran was unable to "resist pressures from Arab reactionists to adopt an anti-Egyptian policy."

"Iran took this decision as a cover-up for its internal problems," the spokesman said.

He said Egypt would "firmly continue on its way to achieve Arab and Muslim rights and to liberate occupied Arab territories including Jerusalem, and retain the legitimate Palestinian rights."

Foreign ministry officials noted that the Iranian decision followed talks in Tehran last week between a high-ranking Libyan delegation and Iranian officials. A foreign ministry statement issued after the talks said that Iran and Libya had agreed to coordinate their Middle East policies and condemned what they called Egyptian treachery.

President Anwar Sadat was one of the few heads of state to offer the exiled monarch a home.

President Sadat has also criticized the summary trials and executions of Iran's revolution and rejected calls by Muslim fundamentalists in Egypt to create an Iranian-style Muslim state.

He told university professors on April 16 that "some today are exploiting religion. They want the state to be styled after Khomeini. Well, there is nothing easier. Summary trials and executions of 10 or 20 people a day."

At the Egyptian embassy in Tehran a diplomat who declined to be identified said the embassy hadn't been notified yet of the decision by Iran.

There was no sign of packing at the embassy, which has displayed no flag or identification sign since demonstrations there following Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

The diplomat said "we will be very sorry since relations between Iran and Egypt have a long history and the two nations share a lot of responsibility for maintaining the Islamic heritage."

"The Egyptian government and (Continued on back page)

Israeli ship sails through Suez Canal

SUEZ, April 30 (R) — The Israeli freighter, Ashdod sailed through Egypt's Suez Canal Monday as Israel renewed its pledge to build more settlements in occupied territories despite the growing momentum towards normal relations with Egypt.

The Israeli flag fluttered in the breeze as Captain Carol Mendelovitz, watched an Egyptian pilot, Muhammad Nur Malkawi, take the 4,500-ton Ashdod into the 160 km canal.

"I over expected this day," a smiling Mendelovitz who commands a 22-man crew, told a group of reporters on board at the start of the run.

The Egyptian press had given only limited coverage to the event and there was no formal reception for the ship. "It's just another ship transiting the canal and there is no special ceremony for it," Mashour Ahmad Mashour, chairman of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA), told reporters.

The ship was expected to reach Port Said, at the other end of the canal, around 1900 GMT.

It was in a convoy of 32 ships. Before the ship began its journey, the Egyptian agent, Galal Abdul Aziz, brought on board the documents for the Ashdod's passage including a receipt for \$70,000, the fee for its passage.

The ship became the 71,451 st vessel to transit the canal since the waterway reopened, for international navigation in June 1975 after Israel's withdrawal from the eastern bank of the canal.

As the Ashdod began its journey, the crew saw the gutted remains of Suez apartment blocks which have been left unrepaired as a reminder of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They also passed another memorial — the burned out bulk of an Israeli tank.

In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Sunday night that Israel did not consider Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab areas as illegal and an obstacle to peace and said they would continue.

Addressing a meeting of his rightwing Herut Party executive committee, Begin said: "The people of Israel have the right to settle anywhere in the land of their fore-

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UNIFIL denies claims by right-wing leader

JERUSALEM, April 30 (Agencies) — The United Nations headquarters in Jerusalem said Monday that allegations made by southern Lebanese rightist spokesmen of aid by U.N. officers in southern Lebanon to Palestinian and leftist forces were completely unfounded.

The U.N. spokesman said: "UNIFIL (U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon) views these allegations as part of a general campaign directed against it."

Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the right-wing militia, told newsmen in Israel's northern town of Metulish Sunday that he had complained to the UNIFIL command about U.N. officers who he claimed had sold arms to Palestinian commandos.

The U.N. spokesman added: "For UNIFIL to fulfill the mandate of peacekeeping entrusted by the world organization, the cooperation of concerned groups is a minimum prerequisite."

"Deliberate attempts to incite discord is not in the interest of anybody."

UNIFIL continues to view such irresponsible statements as part of recently-interesting attempts to discredit UNIFIL through exploitation of prevailing sentiments of concerned civilian populations.

The statement said that UNIFIL regretted that information media had given coverage to such allegations, adding that the U.N. body remained ready to give vigorous consideration to any substantiated claim concerning irregular behavior of its personnel.

Meanwhile, two Fijian soldiers serving with UNIFIL were wounded during an exchange of

Saudi, Gulf crude still passing through Sumed

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, April 30 — No decision has been made on the future of the Sumed pipeline and Saudi and Gulf oil is still being pumped through it, Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani was quoted as saying Monday.

In its Monday edition, "Al-Medina" quoted Yamani as saying, "Saudi, Kuwaiti, Iraqi and non-Arab oil still goes through the pipeline," which connects the Red Sea with the Mediterranean.

"No decision has been taken over the pipeline," Yamani said. There was speculation that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty might result in a boycott of the pipeline, which is owned by Egypt, the Kingdom and several Arab Gulf oil producers.

On another topic, Yamani was quoted as saying he would chair a meeting in Taif Wednesday of a six-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries committee to study the organization's future oil policy.

The committee includes Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Algeria, Iraq, Iran and Kuwait.

According to "Al-Riyadh" newspaper a team of experts led by Yamani has prepared a comprehensive study of the future of energy and prospects for supply and demand in the world market for the next 25 years.

The study, which will be presented at the opening of the OPEC committee meeting, also includes a look at the effects of depletion of some of the present energy sources on the world market, the newspaper said.

After the Taif meeting, "Al-Medina" said, Yamani will leave for Kuwait for a ministerial meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), to be held soon.

At its last meeting in mid-April OAPEC expelled Egypt and announced an embargo on oil supplies to that country.

OAPEC was acting after a meeting of Arab ministers in Baghdad March 27 voted economic and diplomatic sanctions against Egypt, including an oil embargo to prevent Arab oil from finding its way to Israel as a result of the treaty.

The OAPEC meeting in Kuwait also discussed, but took no action on the status of the Sumed pipeline, which can transport 1.6 million barrels of oil a day from Suez on the Red Sea to Alexandria on the Mediterranean.

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Khobar desalt deal given to Kraftwerk

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, April 30 — A consortium led by the West German Kraftwerk Union (KWU) was awarded a SR2.5 billion contract Monday for the Second Phase of the Al-Khobar desalination plant, it is unofficially reported here.

SPA reported, without naming the successful group, that Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahmao Al-Sheikh awarded the contract Monday in Al-Khobar to a Saudi-foreign company.

Dr. Al-Sheikh said afterward that the project will supply 59 million gallons of water a day to Dammam, Al-Khobar, Qatif, Safouf, Sayhat, Rahima and the Dammam industrial zone, generating at the same time 750,000 kilowatts of electricity. It is to be completed within 38 months.

The contract is by far the biggest ever awarded by the Saline Water

Conversion Corporation and the largest in the Second Five-Year Plan, although a plant of almost the same size is to be built to supply the projected Yanbu industrial complex.

Informed sources said here Monday night that the deal had been won by Kraftwerk Union Saudi Arabia, a joint venture between the West German company and Muhammad Al-Issa, a Saudi businessman. They joined forces during last year, but it was not known in what proportions the shares of the new Saudi company are held. No KWU official could be reached for confirmation.

The price tag of SR2.5 billion is significantly lower than the original low bid submitted by KWU last year of SR3.47 billion. This is apparently because SWCC realized that the ceiling it had originally set for the project was too low, and one pipeline and an associated housing scheme were

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In June

Khaled will dedicate Jeddah flour facility

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, April 30 — King Khaled will dedicate in June the Jeddah flour mill and grain silo, "Arab News" learnt Monday.

The project will supply the western, northern and southern provinces and make Saudi Arabia self-sufficient in local flour.

The silos will have a storage capacity of 120,000 tons, while the mills will produce 1,080 tons of flour a day.

The project will also produce 100 tons of animal fodder every eight hours.

The SR374 million project is the fourth to be carried out by the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization, after Riyadh, Dammam and Qasim.

The Director General of the

grain Silos and Flour Mills Authority Dr. Ahmed Shirawi said recently that flour from the authority's mills matched the quality of flour produced by the most advanced in the world. For grain storage, the authority own bad silos operating in Dammam and Riyadh.

He said that in the Central and Northern Provinces flour mills were working at full capacity and there was now no need for imports. Prices were now lower there than for imported flour because of subsidies, representing in some cases 70 or 75 per cent of production costs.

In the south, a grain silo will be constructed at Khamis Mushait, as the nucleus of an integrated plant which will include a flour mill and an animal feed project. The



King Khaled

sebene will supply the total demand in the south. Until it is constructed, the south will receive imported flour from Jeddah and after the middle of this year, flour from the Jeddah mill.

In Dammam and Qasim grain silos have been taking wheat from farmers at subsidized rates higher than world prices, to encourage cultivation.

Ultimately the authority intends to create a 300,000-ton wheat buffer stock. Shirawi said the animal feed industry, which receives a state subsidy of up to half of production costs, has been instrumental in offsetting shortages in green fodder because of poor rains in certain areas this year.

Near completion

Qasim airport open soon

QASIM, April 30 (SPA) — The new airport in Qasim is completed and will be dedicated soon, it was learnt Monday.

The director of the airport, Saud Abdul Aziz Al-Muhaydab, said that it will receive 42 flights a week. It has two arrival and departure halls, each with a capacity of 200.

The airport also has its own passports, health, customs and cargo units.

The airport's runways had been lengthened to three kilometers and improved.

Work was under way to complete the airport's electricity connection so that it can receive night flights.

Muhammad Al-Faisal in Karachi

KARACHI, April 30 (AP) — Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal arrived here Monday on a five-day visit as the guest of President Zia ul-Haq. He will meet the governor of the State Bank of Pakistan and Federal Finance Ministry officials to discuss joint projects.

45,000 Pakistani pilgrims due

KARACHI, April 30 (SPA) — Pakistan will send 45,000 of its nationals to perform the Pilgrimage this year, it was officially announced here Sunday. No Pakistani will be permitted to come to Saudi Arabia by land route.

Khamis contract awarded

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Monday commissioned a SR3,459,775 contract for the construction of Khamis Mushait municipality to a Saudi firm.

Seoul minister leaves

JEDDAH, April 30 (SPA) — South Korean Minister of Construction Jae Il Ko left here Monday for Amman after a five-day visit.

Commission ends
Saud gets message from Brazil minister

By a Staff Reporter

RIYADH, April 30 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal Monday received a message from the foreign minister of Brazil.

The message was delivered to the prince by the leader of the Brazilian delegation to the meetings of the Saudi-Brazilian Joint Commission meetings, in the presence of Brazilian Ambassador Murilo Gurgil Valente.

The Saudi-Brazilian Joint Commission concluded its meetings at the Foreign Ministry in Jeddah Sunday.

A protocol of agreement on economic, cultural and technical matters was signed during the final meeting.

Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic and Cultural Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Alireza signed the protocol on behalf of the Saudi government, while Marcos Azambuja, the leader of the Brazilian delegation, signed on behalf of his country.

Sheikh Abdullah said later that

the commission meetings were held in an atmosphere of cordiality and sincere cooperation.

The Brazilian side was interested in coffee producing and afforestation projects in the Kingdom, and Brazilian experts would be arriving soon to discuss providing assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

A delegation of Saudi businessmen would also pay a visit to Brazil.

The next meeting of the commission would be held in Brazil by the end of this year to review the completed projects and discuss other possible ones.

The leader of the Brazilian delegation said that the commission had identified some areas for cooperation, including agricultural projects, joint companies and the eradication of illiteracy.

He had noticed such rapid progress in the Kingdom that he would impress upon his government the importance of speedy response to the Kingdom's wishes and needs.

He hoped cooperation would



MEETING: Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic and Cultural Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, with Marcos Azambuja, the leader of the Brazilian side to the meetings in Jeddah that ended Monday of the Saudi-Brazilian Joint Commission.

continue in oil imports to Brazil, and said his country would strive to boost its exports to Saudi Arabia at competitive prices and quality.

Brazil is trying to offset some of a large trade deficit with the Kingdom. Last year it sent \$25 million of goods here, taking in return \$1.2 billion of oil. That is around

191,000 barrels of Saudi crude a day, contributing to a total consumption of some million barrels. Brazilian domestic lifting is running at about 180,000 barrels a day.

Brazil's exports of manufactured goods include three shogro transport aircraft that Saudia has just bought. The King-

dom's Volkswagens largely come from Brazil, which has possibly the second largest VW manufacturing plant outside West Germany. There is, however, almost no educational exchange between Saudi Arabia and Brazil, a situation the possible employment of Brazilian techniques to eradicate illiteracy may rectify.

Naif to tour abroad

JEDDAH, April 30 — Interior Minister Prince Naif will pay visits next month to Tunisia and France, and a month later to China and Korea, "Al-Jezira" reported Monday.

The visits are at the invitation of the interior ministers of each country.

He said that he will discuss cooperation in security and other fields.

The prince will also tour the Northern Province of Saudi Arabia for talks with governors and security officers.

He will visit the northern frontier region (the city of Ar Ar) May 12-14, at the invitation of Governor of the Northern Province Prince Abdullah ibn Musaid.

He will then go to Qoryat, Jout and Tabuk and return to Riyadh May 16.



RIBBON: Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz opens the north Jeddah Public Security office Sunday. He inspected the complex and thanked the foot and car patrols for their efforts and offered them greetings from King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

Public

Jeddah has 7 hospitals

JEDDAH, April 30 (SPA) — The Directorate General of Health in the Western Province supervises seven hospitals and 36 clinics in Jeddah. Dr. Abdul Aziz Abbar, regional assistant director of health has said.

These hospitals have 1,540 beds, 203 doctors, 431 male and female nurses and 142 administrative staff and can cope with all cases in gynecology, pediatrics, ophthalmology and tuberculosis, as well as general cases.

They were visited daily by an average 5,703 patients and have more than 700 emergency beds.

He added that Jeddah's Health Institute prepared graduates in nursing, as well as doctors who receive part of their training at the

recently-opened Center for Alimentary Radiology.

There are renal dialysis machines at the Central Hospital, a computer system at the Eye Hospital and sections for caring for premature babies at the Maternity and Children's Hospital, Abbar said.

Jeddah ministry number changes

Telephone numbers for the Ministry of Planning's Western Region offices in Jeddah were changed recently. The new numbers for Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer in Jeddah is 675767. Western Region Director Abdul Hamid Durrah's new number is 672241.

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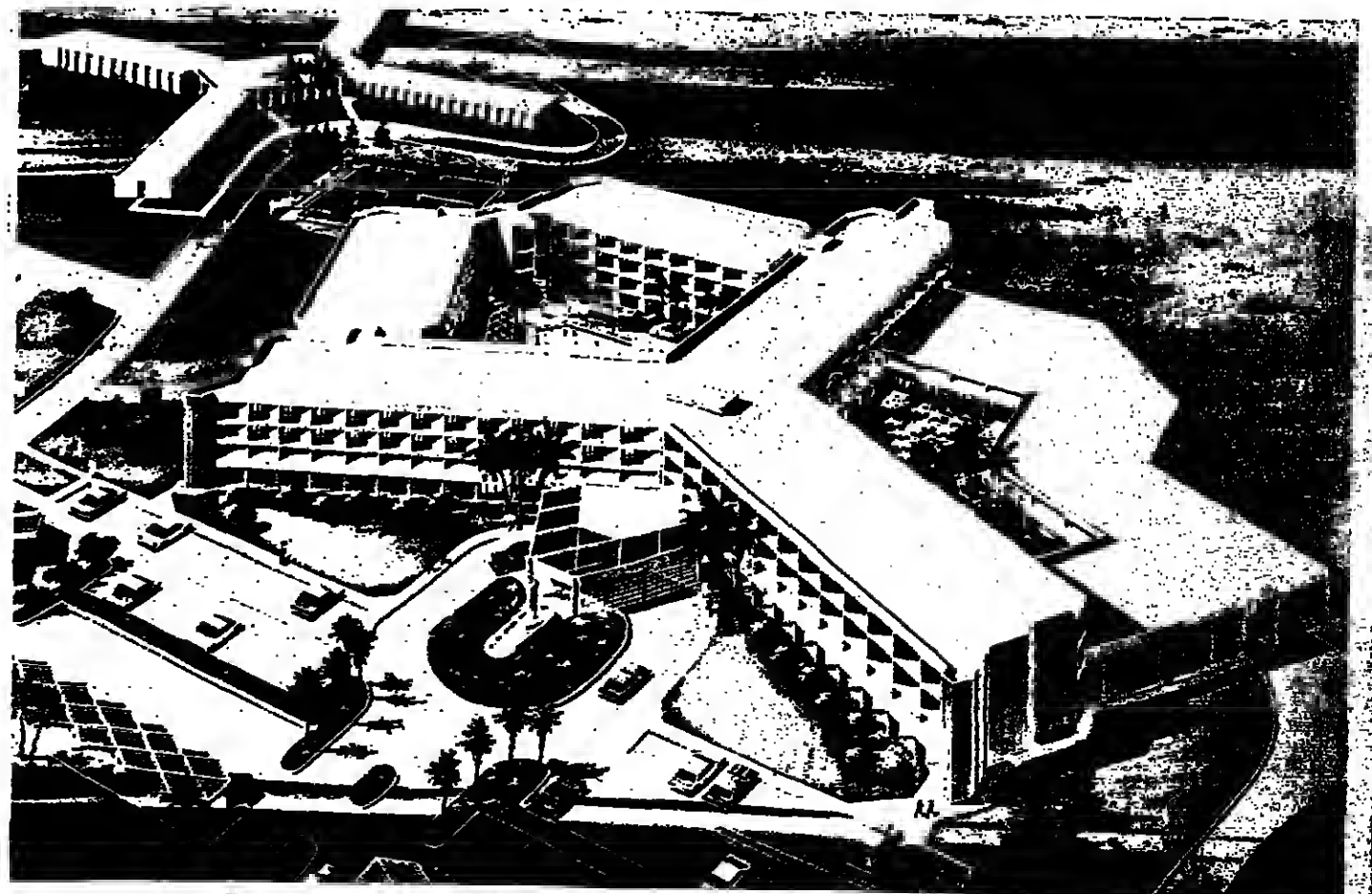
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Turkey detains 500 youths to prevent rioting

ANKARA, April 30 (AP) — Security forces have taken into custody 500 youths, most of them high-school students, over the weekend in this capital city, the martial law command announced Monday.

In a communique, the Ankara Martial Law Commander declared that "some ill-intentioned and irresponsible persons and organizations" had been found exploiting teenage youths in preparation for political action. He did not elaborate on whether those taken into custody were leftist or rightist militants.

Police sources said 250 of the youths were detained for trying to put up May Day posters.

Martial Law commanders in 19 out of 67 provinces where emergency measures are in force appeared to have adopted a stiffer attitude against political terrorists and extreme leftist factions with the approach of May 1. The day is officially recognized as a "spring holiday" but is celebrated as "labor day" by Turkey's radical left.

The Ankara Martial Law Commander warned residents to steer away from any crowds or meeting places on May Day and to keep their youngsters away from these as well.

In Istanbul, martial law has banned a labor day rally to be held in Taksim Square Tuesday by Disk, Turkey's second biggest and radical leftist labor confederation.

Seven officials of Disk, including its president and secretary-general, have been taken into custody by military authorities.

To ensure compliance with the ban and to ward off political violence, Istanbul Martial Law

To ensure compliance with the ban and to ward off political violence, Istanbul Martial Law Command has also announced a 29-hour curfew in the city of 4.5 million. The curfew starts at midnight Monday and ends Wednesday morning.

Some leftist organizations and unions affiliated with Disk have scheduled May Day rallies in the Aegean port city of Izmir which is not under martial law.

Strict security measures would be enforced in Izmir Tuesday, Governor Necdet Calp said Monday.

He said all those attending the two separate rallies which were permitted, would undergo identity checks and searches for concealed weapons.

All roads leading into and out of the city would be watched by security forces, Calp said.

Martial law was proclaimed in 13 provinces of Turkey four months ago because of bloody sectarian fighting in southeast Turkey and continuing political terrorism in major urban centers. Last week Parliament voted to extend martial law for two more months and six other provinces were added to the original 13.

Authorities fear Kurdish separatist agitation in these six provinces which are all in eastern Turkey, where Turkey's estimated 5 million Kurdish minority lives.

Yemen unity plans discussed

KUWAIT, April 30 (R) — South Yemen Foreign Minister Muhammad Saleh Mutea had talks Monday with his Kuwaiti opposite number Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Officials said they reviewed progress made so far on plans to reunify North and South Yemens following last month's conference between the presidents of the two Yemens in Kuwait.

Arafat-Peres meeting plan denied

VIENNA, April 30 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky Monday denied a report that he had offered to arrange a meeting between Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres. The Israeli paper "Jdith Acharonoth" reported that Kreisky had volunteered to arrange a meeting but that Peres refused to accept the proposal.

Jordan, Iraq study cooperation

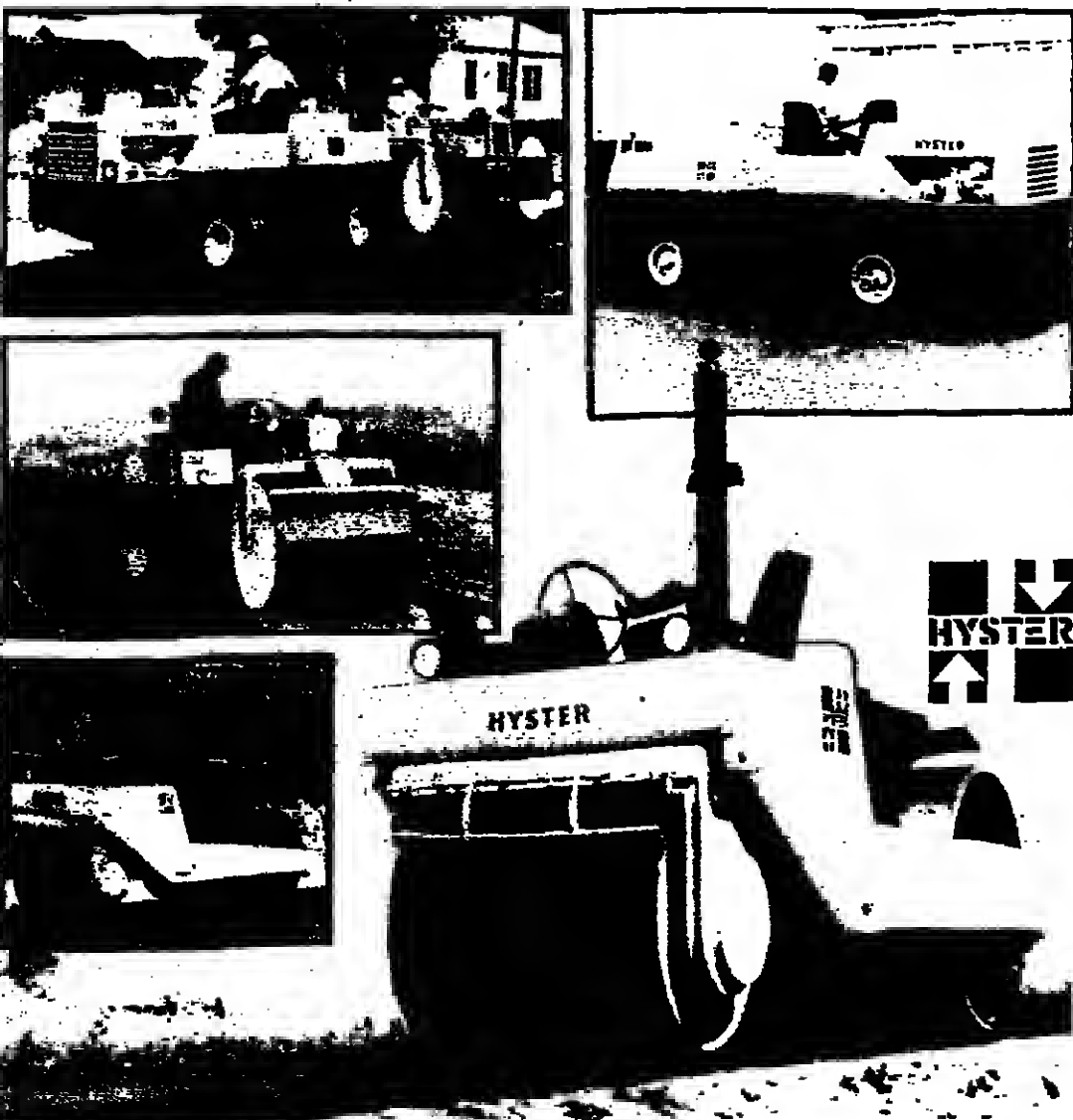
AMMAN, April 30 (R) — Iraq and Jordan have begun talks here on cooperation in the labor and social services fields. An Iraqi delegation led by Labor Minister Mahmud Bakr Rassoul arrived from Baghdad Saturday and began talks Sunday with Jordanian Labor Minister Issam Ajlouni, who said there were many projects in Jordan to which Iraq could contribute financially.

5 killed in Pakistan train crash

KARACHI, April 30 (R) — Five persons were killed Monday when a passenger train and a lorry collided near Shikarpur, 510 kilometers from here, railway officials said.

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INTO CUSTODY: The President of Turkey's radical labor confederation, DISK, Abdullah Basturk, was taken into custody Saturday by martial law authorities for going ahead with preparations of May Day rally. Monday, the martial law command announced that security forces have taken into custody 500 youths, most of them high-school students in Ankara. (AP photo)

Commandos report four raids on Israeli targets in 2 days

DAMASCUS, April 30 (Agencies) — Palestinian commando units have struck with explosives at four Israeli targets this weekend, including an oil pipeline and pumping equipment near the Mediterranean coast town of Ashkelon, a Palestinian military spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman, quoted by the Palestine news agency Wafa, said a large number of Israeli soldiers were killed or wounded in two raids Sunday on military installations in the Occupied West Bank area.

In one of the raids in the Jericho area, commandos planted explosives at an army training camp, setting off a fire which trapped a large number of soldiers, the spokesman said.

In the second attack Sunday a number of Israeli soldiers were killed or wounded when a bomb went off at a military transport station, he said.

The commandos returned safely from both raids, he added.

Wafa earlier quoted the spokesman as saying that another commando unit bypassed hundreds of Israeli roadblocks and checkpoints to attack the oil

pipeline south of Ashkelon at midday Saturday.

Oil leaking from the pipeline, which serves the Haifa Refinery, caught fire and the commandos estimated damage at millions of Israeli pounds, the spokesman was quoted as saying.

A Palestinian spokesman said Saturday commandos had blown up an Israeli wood processing plant near Lydda the same day, setting fire to the factory, nearby depots and a wooded area around the plant.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman declined to comment on the report.

"We cannot comment on these repeatedly unfounded, ridiculous claims," the spokesman said.

In a related development Sunday, the Israeli government reversed a long-standing policy against executions and instructed prosecutors to seek the death sentence in cases of "inhuman cruelty" against civilians.

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Indonesia supports treaty, says Mubarak

KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (AP) — Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak arrived here Monday to seek Malaysian support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty after claiming such backing from Indonesia.

Mubarak arrived from Jakarta, where he said Indonesian leaders supported the treaty. "It is very clear that Indonesia has supported Egypt through the statement made by President Suharto and other government officials in regard to the recently signed peace treaty," Mubarak said.

Mubarak met Malaysian Prime Minister Hussein Onn for more than two hours Monday, and briefed the prime minister on the peace treaty and current developments in the Middle East, a senior foreign ministry official said.

Mubarak, carrying a special message from President Anwar Sadat, explained at length the various issues involved in the peace treaty, the undersecretary for Middle East and Islamic Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, Muhammad Khatib Bin Abdul Hamid, told newsmen after the meeting.

He said Hussein thanked Mubarak for the "illuminating and useful" briefing.

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ARRIVAL: Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak (left) escorted by Malaysian Prime Minister Hussein Onn to the VIP car on arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport Monday. Mubarak arrived from Jakarta saying that Indonesian leaders support the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. (AP photo)

Egyptian forces said alerted against Libya

KUWAIT, April 30 (AP) — Egypt placed its armed forces on the alert following a recent incident involving an Egyptian submarine and a Libyan naval unit, the Kuwait daily "Al-Anbasa" reported Monday.

Without giving details or sources for the report, "Al-Anbasa" said in a dispatch from Cairo that the Egyptian government had accused East Germany of being behind the provocation involving the sub. The incident occurred off the Egyptian Mediterranean coastal city of Salloum, the paper said.

Some 4,000 East German and Cuban military advisers are said to aid Libya's armed forces.

Following the naval incident, the report claimed, Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan presided over an emergency meeting of armed forces commanders at Egypt's Technical Military Academy and a number of measures were adopted "to face all eventualities."

One of the measures taken, "Al-Anbasa" said, was a readiness maneuver by Egypt's Third Army. It was attended by high-ranking officers from Zaire and the Sudan, the newspaper reported.

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Israel's top leaders gain in popularity since treaty

TEL AVIV, April 30 (R) — The popularity among Israelis of the country's prime minister, foreign and defense ministers has increased dramatically in the month after the signing of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, an opinion poll revealed Monday.

A public opinion poll published by the English-language "Jerusalem Post" Monday showed that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman remains the most

popular of cabinet ministers and political leaders.

It showed that Prime Minister Menahem Begin's popularity had risen from 45 per cent in March to 57 per cent this month, while opposition leader Shimon Peres down 13.9 to 10.3 per cent in popularity.

Moshe Dayan led the list of most suitable foreign ministers, increasing in popularity from 41.2 per cent to 54.6 per cent.

Weizman's popularity as defense minister rose from 57.5 per cent in March to 62.9 per cent this month.

New Sinai concession made by Egypt

EL TASA, Sinai Buffer Zone, April 30 (R) — Egypt has agreed that Israeli military rabbis can continue searching in Sinai for the bodies of 23 pilots and soldiers missing since the 1973 Mideast war, an Israeli general has said.

The area is due to revert to Egypt following the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Egypt made the concession at the first meeting of a joint Egyptian-Israeli military commission supervising Israel's withdrawal from the territory.

It was disclosed Sunday by Brig. Gen. Dov Sion, head of the Israeli delegation.

A joint communique said that an advance Egyptian team would be allowed into the Sinai capital of El Arish next Sunday. Israel is due to return the coastal town to Egypt on May 25.

New Zealand won't welcome exiled Shah

WELLINGTON, April 30 (R) — The Shah of Iran won't be welcome in New Zealand, a ministry of foreign affairs official said Monday.

He was commenting on a report in the current issue of "Time" magazine that the Shah's probable choice for a new home was Mexico, New Zealand or a try in South America.

Head of the foreign affairs ministry, Frank Corner, said: "No approach has been made and I hope none will be."

An Iranian delegation is due here on Thursday to discuss reopening the Iranian market to New Zealand sheep meat.

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In landslide victory

Roldos elected president of Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador, April 30 (AP) — Jaime Roldos, a center-left populist, was elected president of Ecuador in a landslide victory Sunday over conservative Sixto Duran Ballen. The vote signaled an end to nine years of military rule.

With half the ballots counted, the National Information Office reported Roldos had 608,056 votes, or 66.5 per cent compared with 249,877 votes or 27.3 per cent for Duran.

The information office said 914,297 votes had been counted, or 43.7 per cent of the country's registered voters. Nearly 2 million had been expected to vote.

Roldos, a 38-year-old lawyer,

called his victory "truly smashing" and promised an authentic democratic government which would seek a balance between economic development and social justice.

"I extend my hand to all Ecuadorians," he said in a televised address. "My government will respect ideological pluralism and be respectful of all men from the right to the left."

"Ecuador has declared itself in favor of change," he said. "I won't delay until I have achieved an authentic, Ecuadorian democratic change."

Roldos will be Ecuador's 44th president and the youngest in South America.

Roldos won the most votes in

the six-man race for the presidency in July but failed to get the required majority. Duran, 57, an architect and former mayor of Quito, was a runner-up in that election that eliminated the four other candidates.

Roldos was supported by the Concentration of Popular Forces Party and campaigned on the slogan "force of change." He promised a redistribution of the nation's wealth.

Duran, backed by the constitutionalist Coalition, based his platform on respect for private property and initiative.

Voters also were choosing 12 at-large and 57 provincial representatives to a single-house

National Legislature. The president and representatives will serve five-year terms and cannot be reelected until another five years have passed.

Adm. Alfredo Poveda, chief of the ruling military junta, has promised to transfer power to the new government Aug. 10, National Independence Day. A new constitution approved in a January referendum will take effect the same day.

If the plan is followed, Ecuador will join Colombia and Venezuela as the only major South American states with elected civilian governments.

Ecuador has switched from authoritarian to elected governments 35 times in its 149-year history. The new constitution is the 18th since 1830.

Thousands of voters had lined up in good weather as the polls opened in this 9,300-foot-high Andean capital, but the queues appeared much shorter than those in the first-round presidential election last July 16.

Among other South American states moves are under way in Bolivia and Peru to transfer power from military dictatorships to civilian democracy. Elections are scheduled in Bolivia for July 1 and for no later than 1980 in Peru.

Democracies also exist in the former Dutch colony of Surinam and the former British colony of Guyana.

Waldheim urges Peking to avert Indochina peril

PEKING, April 30 (AP) — Flying into Peking after a four-day visit to embattled Vietnam, United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has told Chinese leaders that unless urgent steps were taken to defuse the situation in Indochina "it will deteriorate further with consequences far beyond this region."

Two men exposed to radiation at Ontario N-plant

DOUGLAS POINT, Ontario, April 30 (AP) — Two employees at the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant here were exposed to more than their early limit on radiation, an Ontario Hydro information officer has said.

Bob Beardsall said Sunday the incident occurred Saturday when a piece of fuel bundle broke while removed from an inactive reactor at the plant's generating station, 1400 kilometers north of London, Ontario.

Everyday life people are exposed to about 200 millirems of radiation yearly.

Beardsall said the exposures Saturday were well below the level to which any effect can be detected, but a detailed investigation was being carried out.

Waldheim was referring Sunday to the stalled peace negotiations between China and Vietnam following their recent month-long border war, and the Hanoi government's continuing military operations in Cambodia.

"It is, therefore, imperative that all efforts be directed towards finding a settlement in conformity with the principle of the Charter of the United Nations," Waldheim said at a banquet given at Peking's Great Hall of the People by Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

It was to help find such a solution that started Waldheim on his Asian tour, only to be politely but firmly rebuffed in Vietnam. Prime Minister Pham Van Dong told the U.N. official that Vietnam was not interested in any formal mediation mission. The Vietnamese did encourage Waldheim "to make my contribution as secretary general in any way I think best," he said Sunday.

Waldheim was expecting a warmer reception in China, which had encouraged his mission, and he found it.

At the banquet Sunday, Huang Hua described the U.N. official as "so esteemed and well-acquainted friend of ours." The Chinese official also used the occasion to launch an attack on Vietnam.



RIFT VALLEY: This is an artist's impression of the newly discovered rift valley in Venus. It is three miles deep, 175 miles wide and at least 900 miles long and is the largest canyon in the solar system. Its measurements were made by a radar mapping instrument on NASA's Pioneer Venus Orbiter. (AP photo)

Mulder says Vorster urged cover-up of slush fund scandal

JOHANNESBURG, April 30 (AP) — Connie Mulder, South Africa's former minister of information, has charged that he lied in public about secret propaganda projects at the urging of former Prime Minister, now state President, John Vorster.

The still-powerful political Sunday released a statement to the "Afrikaans-language" "Rapport" newspaper to "let the people themselves now draw their own conclusions."

Mulder was once hailed as a future prime minister because of his popularity within the ruling National Party. But he was forced out of government and out of the party, because of a multimillion dollar scandal involving the alleged misuse of secret state funds in clandestine projects to influence public opinion here and abroad.

Eschel Rhodde, Mulder's deputy in the information department and a key figure in the scandal, is currently believed to be somewhere in Europe, a fugitive from South African justice on fraud charges.

While Mulder remained silent, Rhodde claimed recently from his self-imposed exile that he was a scapegoat in a scandal that involved top government figures, including Vorster.

Under Rhodde, the information department created scores of projects designed to improve the image of the minority government and to make its race segregation policies more palatable.

The projects, according to newspaper reports, included junkets for foreign leaders to South Africa by front organizations secretly funded by the state and even bribes to foreign politicians and other opinion makers.

While the specter of South Africa secretly purchasing favorable public opinion abroad has reaped headlines in foreign newspapers, the impact here has centered of the previously incoherent image of the National Party, the power base of the Afrikaner whites.

Mulder's statement Sunday indicated that there was deceit and intrigue behind the image.

He said that "To The Point" magazine, a pro-government publication styled after the "Time" and "Newsweek" format and which, at one time, had international circulation, was founded by funds from Vorster's budget.

He also confirmed the commission's finding that the Vorster government tried to buy the "Washington Star" in 1974 with \$10 million. He said the purchase was planned to put it into the

hands of people "less negative and destructive" to South Africa.

Regarding the local newspaper "The Citizen," founded in 1976, Mulder said he lied to parliament about government funding of the publication, after Vorster sent him a note which said, "I think you must meet the question as follows: the department of information possesses no funds in South Africa and runs no newspaper in South Africa."

Vorster's office Sunday refused to comment on Mulder's allegations. Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, who now holds the portfolio of information minister, said Sunday that the government would continue to financially support "To The Point," albeit openly, and that the magazine had been given orders to refrain from supporting any political party in the country.

SWAPO leader detained as crackdown continues

WINDHOEK, April 30 (AP) — Security police have arrested the administrative secretary of SWAPO, bringing the total number of guerrilla organization leaders and members detained in Namibia in the past three days to 40, officials have said.

The members of the South West Africa People's Organization were Sunday arrested under emergency legislation that enables Administrator-General Marthinus Steyn to detain anyone without trial.

The crackdown on the guerrilla-backed organization is the latest indication that South Africa is prepared to abandon efforts for an internationally supervised transition to independence in the territory, and to "go it alone" with a government based on the internationally unrecognized constituent assembly.

SALT won't weaken Europe, says Brzezinski

WASHINGTON, April 30 (R) — The new U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) will not weaken Western European security, White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski said in an interview released Monday.

Brzezinski's comments were made in an interview with the French newspaper "Le Monde" and the West German newspaper "Die Welt."

He said there have been frequent and wide-ranging consultations between the United States and European officials during the course of negotiations toward the as yet unsigned SALT II treaty.

"I believe that in the course of these consultations, we have made it very clear that SALT II will not adversely affect European security or on-going U.S.-European security arrangements," Brzezinski said.

"As far as theater nuclear forces are concerned, SALT II does not foreclose any possible option either in the arms control area or in the deployment area that we and our European allies might jointly decide to undertake," he said.

Brzezinski said the issue of arms control in Europe and the deployment of advanced Soviet missiles in Eastern Europe would be taken up in future SALT negotiations.

He said he was optimistic about Europe's development and its future role in world affairs.

"You have seen the emergence in Europe of really outstanding leadership," he said.

"You see the movement in Europe towards greater unity."

Brzezinski said as Europe becomes stronger, it will become more of a rival to the United States. But he said the U.S. was willing to accept this.



"ELO": This 50-foot inflatable whale draws numerous glances from New Yorkers Tuesday as her handlers come her out on 50th Street for a trip down Fifth Avenue. The "Save The Whales Committee," the owners, have also paraded it in other U.S. cities to bring the group's campaign to the public. (AP photo)

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U.S. - Soviet detente

By Robert Cullen

WASHINGTON — Whatever finally happens to a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty now in the final stages of negotiation, it has already given the Carter administration its first period of tranquillity and cooperation in relations with the Soviet Union.

The prisoner exchange that brought five Soviet dissidents to New York over the weekend is only one example of the conciliatory policies the Soviets have adopted. It is an unspoken, but obvious effort to help President Jimmy Carter persuade the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty.

In addition, the Soviets are allowing Jews to emigrate at record-setting rates. If recent monthly figures continue, more than 40,000 will emigrate this year.

There also are some things the Soviets might have done but haven't.

For example, they did not retaliate against China for its incursion into Vietnam, although they had helped the Vietnamese go into Cambodia.

Unlike the period from 1975-77, the Soviets have not taken advantage of turmoil in the Third World to push for geopolitical gains. Cuban troops remain in Angola and Ethiopia. They did not move into Rhodesia or South Yemen. Also, the Soviets have not meddled noticeably in the affairs of Pakistan.

Soviet diplomats keep a close watch on how the Senate is lining up on the impending arms treaty. They know how many senators are already against it, and many more might be on the march once more.

The administration, for its part, is reciprocating in quiet ways. It has, for example, approved the export license for a computer the Soviet news agency wants for the 1980 Olympics. That license was withheld last summer.

It is also exploring ways to make a more substantial gesture in the direction of improving U.S.-Soviet trade relations by granting the Soviets "most-favored nation" status, perhaps in time for the SALT summit meeting likely to occur in late May or early June.

Most-favored nation status (MFN), would mean the Soviets would have access to the American market at standard tariff rates, the kind assessed in trade with most of the world. They would also be able to get financing from the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

The Soviets lost the trade status in 1974 when Congress denied the status to Communist nations that do not allow free emigration.

The negotiations over MFN have a particular urgency because the United States is moving rapidly to grant the status to China. Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps is due in Peking early in May to talk about it. Carter has insisted he will be even-handed between the Soviets and Chinese.

Thus, American sources say the administration is exploring many possible avenues to get MFN for the Soviets as well.

The history of the 1974 act, known as the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, suggests that a broad, general statement of support for emigration by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, combined with the record emigration figures, might be sufficient for Carter to persuade Congress to go along, at least on a year-to-year basis.

Thus, the Carter-Breznev meeting may well appear to inaugurate a new era of detente with the Soviets. For that to actually happen, however, several problems must be solved.

First, the administration would have to persuade the Senate to ratify the arms treaty without attaching amendments that would alter the basic bargain.

Second, and more fundamentally, the administration will have to face and solve a problem so intractable the Nixon administration never came to grips with it — reaching agreement on some sort of code of conduct for the superpowers.

Such a code would allow each to pursue its global interests without pushing the other into a corner and starting another round of competition and acrimony. Without one, it seems unlikely that the Carter era of detente will last any longer than the one fostered by Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. — (AP)

Woman or sister?

By Ann McKane

LONDON — Britain's general election this week could give Europe its first woman prime minister and be the biggest boost to feminism since women got the vote.

Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher is scorned by radical feminists for her traditional right-wing views. Her election to the party leadership was greeted by stony silence from women's liberation movements.

As feminist put it: "She is a woman, but she isn't a sister." They all agree, however, that if she wins, and especially if she is a successful prime minister, it will help break down sexual prejudice in all walks of life, not only in Britain but in the whole Western world.

Mrs. Thatcher has said she feels a great sense of responsibility: "A great deal of the future of women at the top will depend on how I do."

She has continually emphasized that the campaign should be based on issues, not personalities. But she remains one of the main talking points.

Left wing feminist writer Jill Tweedie devoted nearly half a page of the "Guardian" newspaper soul searching about whether to vote for a party she disagrees with in order to further the feminist cause.

Mrs. Thatcher may say her womanhood is irrelevant to the

political issues, but she has often emphasized it in her campaign. During walkabouts she frequently dashes into supermarkets to buy a few things, as if she must get the weekend groceries before the next speech.

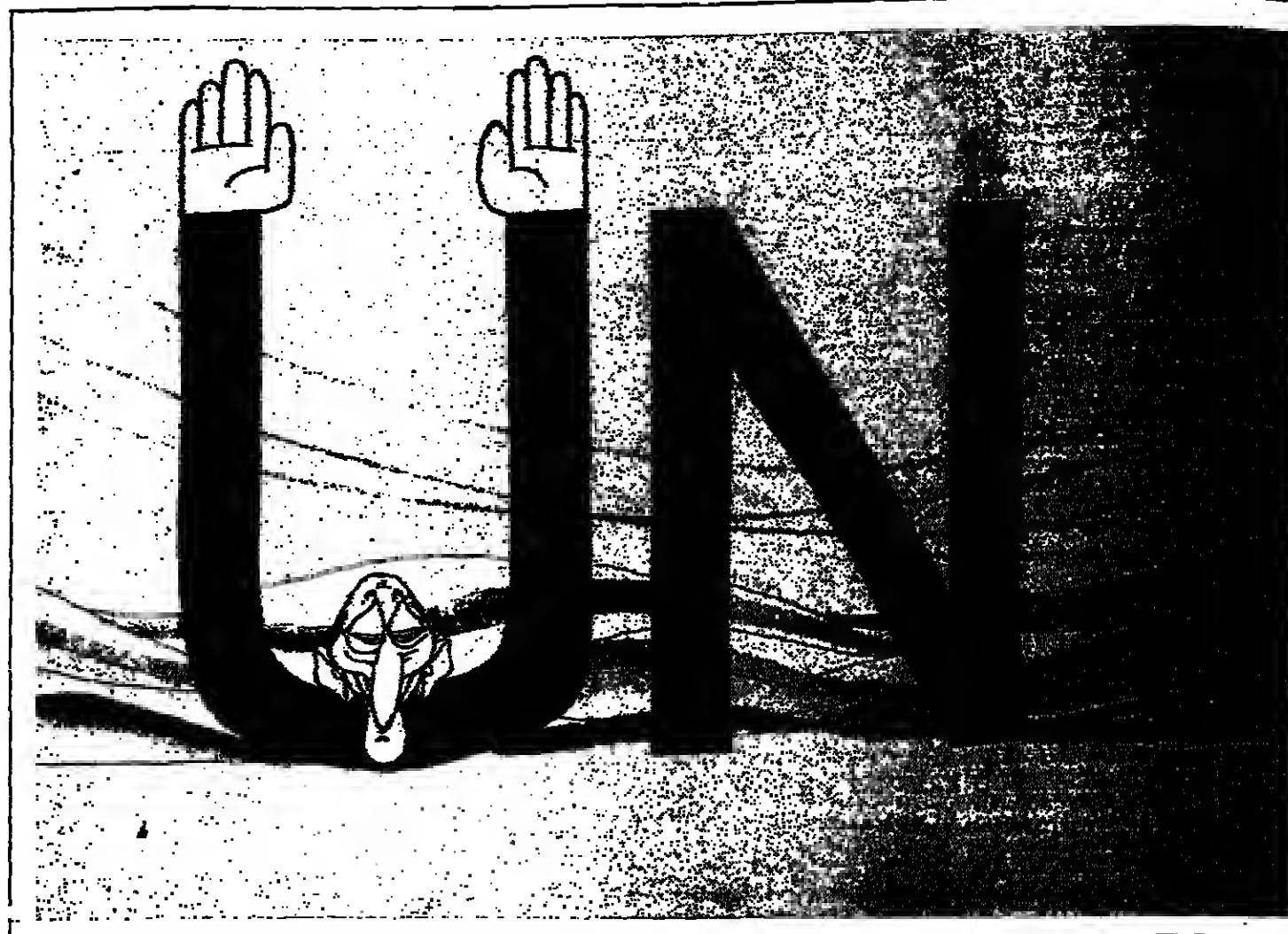
In one town she made great play of hugging two bags of food, one a bulging blue bag to show what a pound sterling would have bought under the last Conservative government, the other a half-empty red bag showing what the same money would buy now.

She says the fact that she is a woman should work in her favor: "I know what it is like running a house and running a career. I know what it is like having to live on a budget. I know what it is like having to cope. And as I go around I find hundreds of thousands of women who know that I know."

Her husband Denis trails after her as she campaigns. He has given up his job as executive with an oil company to devote himself full time to being Mr. Margaret Thatcher — political prince consort to the woman who may be the first to govern the country since Queen Elizabeth I in the sixteenth century.

It is extraordinary that the Conservative Party, which is historically opposed to radical change, should be presenting Britain with its first woman premier.

Feminism is a long way removed from Mrs. Thatcher's passionately held right-wing Conservative views. — (R)



China thaws toward Soviet Union

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

Moscow's prompt response to Peking's recent call for high-level talks between the two warring Communist giants has strengthened suspicions that, when the Chinese tore up the obsolete Sino-Soviet friendship treaty early in April, they were loudly slamming one door while quietly opening another.

The 29-year-old accord was already a dead letter, an embarrassing anachronism which provided for joint action against any resurgence of Japanese imperialism.

The Chinese therefore suggested that Moscow and Peking embark on new negotiations — at ministerial level, according to one Communist source — to settle all outstanding issues between them. The Russians have replied by proposing that they should work on a "document" defining their relations, based on mutual agreement to renounce force, to treat each other as equals and to respect each other's sovereignty.

The mudslinging between Moscow and Peking may be as violent as ever, but the Chinese always keep their options open, analysts point out. Sino-Soviet talks on border river navigation continued during China's recent "punishment" of Vietnam, and trade between the two countries has been steadily increasing despite all the acrimony.

The Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping could dine in the White House, headquarters of the once-detested imperialist arch-enemy, he could one day dine in the Kremlin, it is argued.

In Washington Deng stressed that to modernize, China needed peace — "we are in favor of detente, a genuine detente which truly reduces the danger of war."

No Chinese leader is scheming to reconstruct the shattered Sino-Soviet monolith but all are bent on reconstructing China, and it is believed that many would welcome a "genuine detente" with both superpowers that would enable Peking to hold the balance between them — and get on with the job.

It was a sign of the times that the once-disgraced Vice-Chairman Ulanhu presided over the session of the standing committee of the Chinese National Peoples Congress that abrogated the Sino-Soviet treaty on April 3.

Ulanhu studied for five years in Moscow and for 15 years was a

council member and later vice-chairman of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association. Attacked as pro-Soviet by left-wing Red Guards during Mao's Cultural Revolution in 1966, he was stripped of all posts. In April, 1967, Premier Chou En-lai himself reputedly branded him a "Russian spy".

A member of the Politburo since 1976, Ulanhu is among the many men once stigmatized as "Russian revisionists" who have been rapidly restored to the ranks of the rulers since the resurrected Deng became China's new pragmatic master.

The Russians are systematically questioning all available sources about the personal attitudes of China's present leaders towards Moscow.

The radical Maoists, representing the most anti-Russian faction in Chinese politics, are already in disgrace. They may yet be made scapegoats for "mistakes" of Mao himself that produced the Sino-Soviet split, and eventually left a backward China bracketed between the armies of a hostile USSR to the north and a hostile "pro-Soviet" Vietnam to the south.

There are significant straws in the wind. Yang Shangkun, one of the notorious "28 Bolsheviks" indoctrinated in Moscow whose revolutionary line Mao rejected in the 1930s, has just been appointed political boss of Canton.

Su Yu a former Chief of Staff much respected in Moscow, is back as a leading member of the party's powerful military affairs commission. Su Yu was fired in the 1950s after he had flouted Mao's doctrine of "people's wars" fought with men rather than machines, and agreed with Khrushchev that without modern weapons soldiers were "just a mass of flesh".

Acutely aware that in an electronic era the "black box" may be more decisive in war than Mao's "barrel of a gun", Chinese experts responsible for modernizing the army have been assiduously pricing the more sophisticated wares of the West.

But their quickest and cheapest solution would be to up-date the Russian weapons systems of the 1950s on which China's existing armament is still based, and this could be another cogent reason for making it up with Moscow, intelligence sources say.

Whatever the outcome — if any — of the present demarches, there is a self-evident advantage if they can reduce tension of their borders with Vietnam and Russia and at the same time build up their military strength. (OFNS)

Mighty lira — but for how long?

By Norris Willatt

MILAN —

Italians cannot believe it, it is so unexpected; but the figures speak for themselves. Since the launching of the European Monetary System, in the middle of March, their national currency, the lira, has been the star performer.

So well has it done that Italian businessmen are already beginning to worry that its strength may harm export trade. But for the man in the street it is a gratifying experience to have something to boast about after so many blows to national pride.

For almost as long as anyone can remember, the lira has been among the weak sisters of the European currency family; so weak that the Italian government hesitated a long time before agreeing to commit it to the disciplines inherent in membership of the European currency "snake".

The decision was made only after Italy's EMS partners agreed to allow the lira to wriggle up and down by 6 per cent. Most other currencies in the "snake," such as the German mark, Dutch guilder and French franc are limited to a fluctuation in either direction of only 2½ per cent. The aim is to bring order and stability into the trade, investment and foreign exchange relations of the European economic Community.

The assumption was that Italy needed a wider margin because of anticipated heavy downward pressure. Instead the pressure has been upwards.

A few figures illustrate what has been going on. When the EMS began to function, 1,000 Italian lire would buy about 2.20 German marks, 2.40 Dutch guilders or five French francs. By the middle of April, the Italian currency had appreciated to 2.25 marks, 2.45

guilders and 5.20 francs.

Searching for explanations, Italian financial circles suggest that the initial upturn was a technical reaction. International investors, including speculators, who had been betting that Italy would not join the "snake", and that, as a result, when it began to function, the lira would nose-dive, moved quickly to correct their error by selling other currencies for the Italian one. Banks did the same, in order to balance their holdings in various currencies.

Once lira appreciation started, it fed on itself. Hot money merchants and other speculators jumped on the escalator, hoping to get the full benefit of a maximum 6 per cent rise, which was more than they could hope for in the other principal EEC currencies.

Other influences were at work also, such as ultra-high interest rates in Italy; and a resurgence of inflation (as a result mainly of oil price increases) in countries which had been successful in holding it down, such as West Germany, Holland and Switzerland.

The recovery of the U.S. dollar, to which the lira is closely tied by trading and other relationships, also exerted an upward pull. The upswing of the dollar, like that of the pound sterling, is encouraged by the fact that it is still "floating", with no limit on how high (or low) it may go.

Another factor was that for some time before the new monetary system was launched, the lira had been steadily losing value in terms of the currencies of other EEC member countries. During 1978, the decline in relation to a "basket" of these currencies was 8 per cent.

Taking the longer view, that is what the authorities have most cause to be concerned about. With inflation running at an annual rate of around 15 per cent in Italy this spring, export prices are moving up, and even a 6 per cent maximum devaluation would fall far short of offsetting the impact. (OFNS)

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"The superpowers — especially the United States — are back harping on the need to convene the Geneva conference on the Middle East," according to "Al-Riyadh" editorial. "Certainly the United States did not expect such adverse Arab reactions to its good offices and this has forced it to review the situation by bringing in other Arab parties to a new attempt," it said.

"But the United States intends to uphold the Camp David accords and open the way for other negotiations before the separate treaty between Egypt and Israel falls to pieces. Washington realizes too well that it has angered the majority of Arabs and driven a wedge between them for the sake of Israel and that its calculations did not come out with an alternative to a Geneva conference. So the new alternative is not going to be at the expense of Israel, but at that of Egypt, which is suffering from severe isolation

and cannot be saved either through Geneva or any other venue," the newspaper said. The paper went on to say that, "it is doubtful that a whole new act can be stage-managed successfully in the region nor is it possible to drag the majority of the Arab states into any conference unless they are assured of its success in advance." "On this basis," the paper added, "the call for a Geneva conference must be rejected since it is another game of nations orchestrated jointly by the United States and the United States." "It will be used to write the annex to the Camp David accords and instead of saving whatever peace possibilities there might still be, it would write the epitaph for peace," the newspaper said.

"The persistent attacks by the American media and some Congressmen on Saudi Arabia leads us to wonder what kind of relation-

ship does the United States want with this country," said an "Al-Madina" commentary. "Does it want a healthy relationship based on mutuality of interests and the right to differ within that framework, or would it rather prefer to convert us into a surrogate state just like in the old imperialist days," the newspaper asked. "In this case, there would be little to distinguish between covert colonialism and naked military occupation," the newspaper said. "We have our options, not only with the United States and the Soviet Union but also with Europe and Japan. Europe and Japan have greater interests in the Gulf than the U.S.," it added "and if the events in Iran lead to a contraction of British oil stakes there — as had been the case in Libya and Algeria — European interests in the Gulf will rise further without American help. Looking at the oil situation as it is now, we should realize that production is geared to the inter-

ests of the consumers and not so much to our interests since we do not need so much money as we get now," it said. "Besides, we agree to use the dollar as the medium for payment of oil prices — not because it is the best available currency — but to help the dollar as well as to safeguard our huge investments in dollars," the newspaper said.

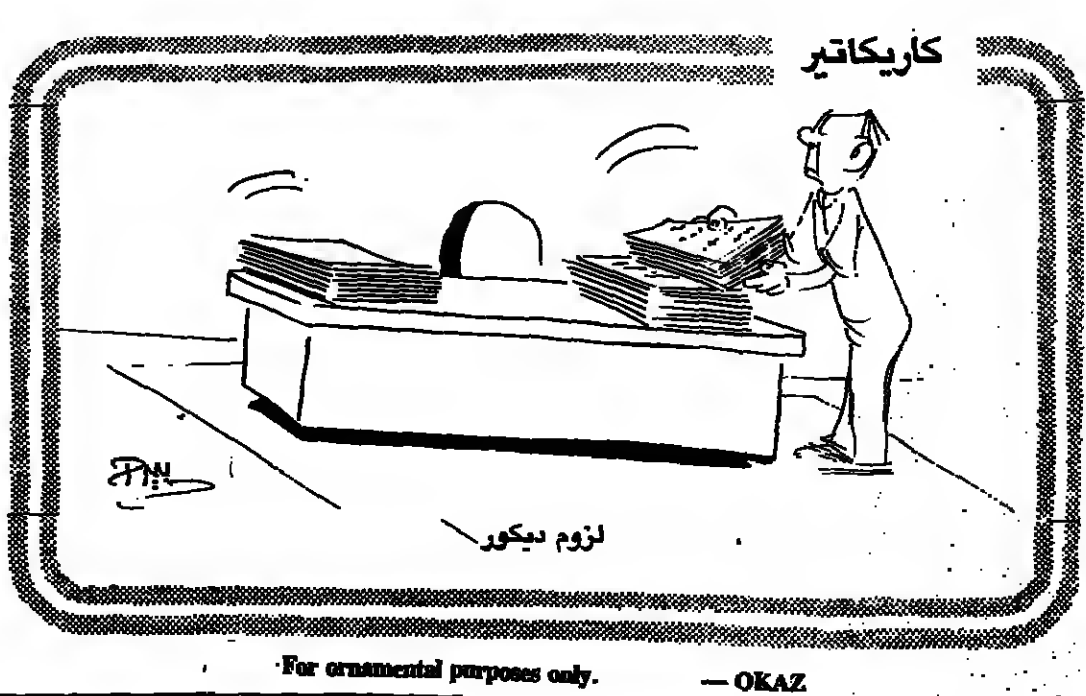
"On the other hand, it is possible that doubts about American intentions — may encourage those who are demanding a reduction in oil production and limiting it to our immediate needs only. There are already voices demanding that and calling for dumping the dollar as the main oil payment currency. If this happens America will suffer more severely than it has in any war it has waged so far," the paper said.

"But we do not want this war, and do not believe that we shall reach that stage, but it is nice to remind our American friends

about such matters — especially those who heard and admired what Senator Frank Church has said. They ought to remember what King Faisal said once about his readiness to go back and live in tents in the desert if need be," the commentary concluded.

Commenting on reports of a new European initiative to break the ice in the Middle East, "Okaz" said that any such initiative "should take a comprehensive view of the problem, since there is no other viable alternative. Such initiatives should also take into account the basic ingredients for a just durable peace in the region," the newspaper said.

A news analysis in "Al-Bilad" said that recent Saudi-Belgian and Saudi-Norwegian talks "show the interest that Saudi Arabia has in maintaining a constructive dialogue with Europe. The idea is to improve relations and strengthen avenues of cooperation with the continent."



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"The Tartar Khan's Englishman,"
by Gabriel Ronay. Cassell, London: 1978.
6.95 pounds sterling.

By F.W. Rawling

JEDDAH — Gabriel Ronay was born in Transylvania and he came to England after the Hungarian uprising of 1956. His only previous work was entitled "The Dracula Myth." When you discover from his foreword that Ronay was on his way to find a family connection between Ghengis Khan and Dracula when he stumbled over "The Englishman," you realize instinctively what sort of a romp this book is going to be.

From the merest grain of information gleaned from the 13th century Annals of Matthew Paris, which mentions the capture of a group of the Tartar Khan's officials that includes his envoy ("an Englishman"), Ronay attempts to justify a book of 249 pages.

"Why is he not listed, like the Venetian (Marco Polo), among the great European explorers? ... Why is his name unknown to the historians of the Continent? Ronay perorates. One murmurs in reply, "Why, indeed?"

The Englishman's brief appearance on the world stage is documented in Appendix I of Ronay's book, an excerpt from Matthew Paris. "Known by the Duke of Austria to an Englishman, who for certain crimes, had been banished forever from the Kingdom of England," he had "twice come as an envoy and interpreter from the King of the Tartars to the King of Hungary." From this and other snippets in Matthew Paris, Ronay mounts his search. With a quantum leap into the unknown and probably unknowable, he assumes for the Englishman "a crusader background" and a presence in the Holy Land around 1218.

"He must have moved in the highest circles of crusader leadership if his meeting with the Austrian ruler was remembered by the latter's son after

twenty odd years, for Princes would hardly have taken much notice of a simple pilgrim." True. One wonders, therefore, why a man who moved in such exalted circles seems to be the only one who is not named in the histories and chronicles.

Ronay assumes that the "serious crimes" for which his shadowy Englishman was exiled were political, so he tries to find the identity of his quarry in the rahlit warren of the Baronial plots against King John. Chapters follow on King John's tyranny and the origins of the Great Charter. From this emerges the name of Robert Fitzwalter, the leader of the Barons. In the civil war, King John captured a number of barons, among them Fitzwalter, his son and his chaplain. They were all required to go on a pilgrimage-cum-crusade to the Holy Land to expiate their crimes. It is the chaplain, unnamed in the documents, upon whom Ronay fixes to his Englishman. The fact, later evidenced, that others returned from the Holy Land and that the chaplain did not, allows Ronay to proceed with his imaginative reconstruction of history.

So, far, then, we have had a glimpse of 13th century England and the Baronial Wars. We are now treated to a rambling dissertation on the Fifth Crusade with side excursions into the Children's Crusades, the history of the Knights Templars, the search for Prester John, the "sin city" of Acre and the campaign at Damietta. It is interesting enough except that the Englishman keeps popping up, rather unconvincingly, to justify his own existence and, of course, that of Ronay's book.

A chapter on the trading rivalry between Venice and Genoa and early connections with the Tartars is very informative and it shows how much the normality of European diplomacy has improved since those days.

A long treatment follows on the world of Ghengis Khan. Ronay takes for his descriptions of the route to Tartary nothing evidenced by the Englishman himself but, instead, a narrative made by monks of

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Gabriel Ronay

a journey to Karakorum some 20 years after the presumed date of the Englishman's adventures. Accounts of the atrocities of the Mongol wars and the characteristics of Mongol administration, military intelligence and diplomacy are included.

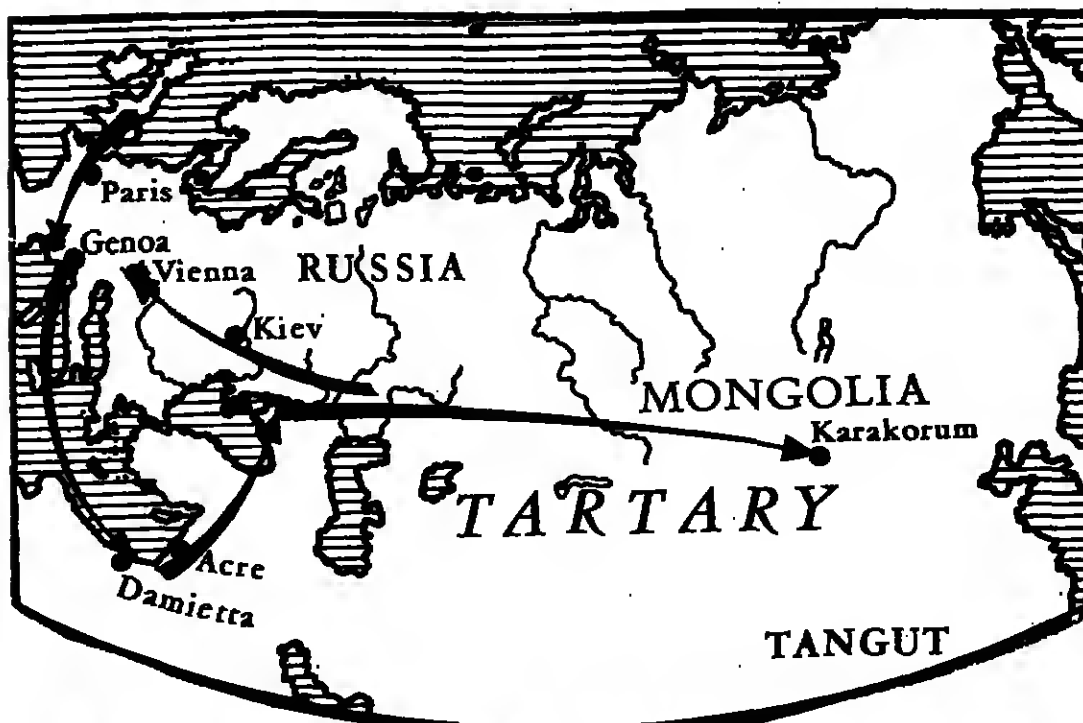
From time to time Ronay inserts passages of medieval Latin and Norman French into his narrative without providing translations. This is either pseudo-scholarship or lack of courtesy to his readers, both inexcusable faults in the written word which is supposed not only to communicate meaning but to inform and, in this sort of work, to convince.

The appalling disaster of the Mongol rape of Russia and Eastern Europe is well treated. The

reconstruction of the trial of the Englishman after his capture at Neustadt is very touching. It is, however, much more in the genre of historical fiction.

It seems that Ronay half admits this in his "denouement" when he compares his present work to a "whodunnit" thriller. "The Tartar Khan's Englishman" is a readable work in the same tradition.

In terms of pure history, though, by exaggerating every mote of probability which might support his thesis and by neglecting every beam of improbability which would undermine it, Ronay has constructed a tall and, at first sight, a very impressive edifice, which lacks nothing except a firm foundation.



The route of the Tartar Khan's Englishman, from London to Karakorum and the gates of Vienna.

American novelist Paul Theroux

By Michael J. Bandler

WASHINGTON — One of the more acclaimed novels of 1978 was a fictional autobiography of a 70-year-old doyenne of American photographers, a sharp-tongued woman whose private life — until she unveils it — has been secluded in the shadows of her cameras and her career.

The name of the book is "Picture Palace," and it is the latest volume in a diverse collection of works by Paul Theroux, a talented 37-year-old American author whose reputation has grown measurably with the publication of each of his books.

In a sense, he represents an ideal among writers. He is prolific, having created a dozen books in 11 years. He is cerebral and literate, aiming for the mind of his reader, and not for a rung on the best-seller list. He flits happily among genres and subjects: his novels, short stories and one piece of nonfiction are set in spots around the world — Africa, Asia, England, the United States and points in between. And, as a topper, the critics have treated him so respectfully that he no longer is upset by a bad review.

"I've had enough good reviews to last me a lifetime," he says.

He is an intensely zestful, affable man, clearly enthusiastic about his work and about literature in general. However, when he writes, he directs his attention to a darker, more violent side of the world and life.

"I focus on a side of life that interests me, that has a rough edge to it perhaps," he noted in an interview here. "I suppose I'm optimistic in action and pessimistic in thought."

In several of his novels — particularly "Girls At Play," "The Family Arsenal" and "The Black House" — violence and horror are clearly visible. In other works, especially some of his short stories, the grotesqueries lurk beneath the surface.

Fundamentally, he seeks to convey bare, unvarnished truths as he sees them.

"Girls At Play," he explains, as an example, "is an intensely depressing book. A group of white schoolteachers is wiped out in Kenya. I wrote it in the late 1960, a time when everyone writing about Africa was presenting optimistic views, in a spirit of pan-Africanism and 'everything's fine here.' I set out intending to tell a true story, based on an actual occurrence. It was the Africa I knew. It wasn't Joseph Conrad, it wasn't Ernest Hemingway, it wasn't the pan-African view of Africa. It was the Africa I knew, and it was depressing."

"If somebody writes a book about Africa these days, it'll be far more bloody, pessimistic and violent than the one I wrote. Mine is truthful. I think all you can do in a book is tell the truth."

Theroux also believes that memories, as they fade, can be distorted into half-truths "which is why he treats experiences in fiction or nonfiction immediately after they occur. 'If I hadn't written about Africa at the time I was there or immediately afterwards, I think the experience would have been lost to me.'

"The book has to arise out of your own experience when the experience is fresh and vivid in your mind. It's the same thing with languages. I can learn one quite easily, but when I do, I can't speak the previous one. I learned Spanish to go to South America recently, but it erased my French and Italian. One drove out the other, and I think one experience tends to do that to another."

Theroux believes in sharing his vision of a world he knows before it passes away. "I was in Singapore from 1968 to 1971, and I wrote the book 'Saint Jack' in 1972. It

won't be very long before that book looks like a slice of history. It may be dated, I hope not. But I may have pinned down that society in that particular moment in time. It would be gratifying to me if people read that book in order to understand what that country was like in those years."

Theroux's perception of far-flung settings is the result of living outside the United States (he is a native of the Boston area) since his graduation from the University of Massachusetts in 1963. A stint in the Peace Corps in Malawi was followed by a university instructorship in Uganda and a second one in Singapore. In 1971 he moved to England, to write full time. He still lives in London, where his wife is employed as a radio producer for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

"It was my desire when I gave up work not to have anyone to answer to," he recalls. "One of the great qualities of writing is that you're only answerable to yourself — and that's hard enough."

Despite his record of having written within several disciplines, Theroux is biased in favor of novels. "The novel gives you the largest canvas, the most elbow

room. You can do a fantastic number of things within the novel form."

"Yet, it's very exhausting to write novels. Usually, I feel like taking a break, and my idea of a vacation is a very long trip. Invariably, that sort of trip lends itself to a travel book. When I was in Africa, I never wrote any travel books: The background, the color, all went into the novels I wrote. The same happened in Asia. But now my life has become more ordered."

"I find that if you set out on a vacation with the intention of turning it into a book, you can come back with five or six hundred pages of notes. You sit down, and a year later, you have a book."

"Actually, that kind of trip — like my train ride from London to Asia and back that produced 'The Great Railway Bazaar' — is very exhausting. At the outset, it appears as if it's going to be pure pleasure, nothing but fun. After a month or two I find I'm at my wit's end, really, at the end of my tether. And yet the experiences you have when you're at the end of your tether can be turned into something memorable."

Theroux doesn't determine in advance whether his next projects are to be fiction — in short or longer form — or nonfiction. "Picture Palace" took two years to write; during that period, he also wrote most of the stories that appeared in his 1977 collection, "The Consul's File," as a "sort of breather."

When he finished, he decided to take a vacation. He opted for a jaunt by train through South America, knowing that eventually a book would come out of it. He prepared carefully for the trip, learned Spanish, and then took copious notes all along the way.

"In the meantime, a couple of stories occurred to me, and I wrote them, and I worked on this travel book, which I should finish early in 1979."

Theroux doesn't consider himself a total success at writing short stories, but the form appeals to him. "I think of a short story as just that — very short, very vivid, an experience you read and remember."

He writes them whenever he gets an idea. "Something comes along. Somebody tells you a story. Something is suggested by a series of episodes."

Theroux's latest triumph, "Picture Palace," has attracted encomia not only for itself, but also for the author and his full body of work. A "scrupulous wordsmith," novelist Gail Godwin called him in the "Chicago Tribune." "Paul Theroux...looks more and more like a writer who will keep on lasting and growing," Christopher Lehmann-Haupt observed in "The New York Times."

The object of this attention and affection, Theroux's eighth novel, originated in a series of random thoughts that struck the writer over a period of months and years.

"A photographer, alone among artists, I realized, takes pictures but is always behind his or her instrument. His or her life is completely in the background, and the camera is providing a social access. Wouldn't it be interesting if one had a character like that, I thought."

In the course of writing, Theroux discovered his underlying prejudices — for instance, against foundation support, the "circus" that is the gallery world, and photographers who lie to their subjects through their work. These biases are arguable, of course, yet Theroux uses his literary license to insert these opinions — for support or rejection — into his story.

There are two stories within "Picture Palace," namely, Maude Coffin Pratt's career — reflected in her work — and her life, shrouded deliberately. And there are two "picture palaces": the windmill on the lawn of her property, containing the achievements of a half-century, is only half the story.

"... The mind had its own picture palace, much grander, like a mad queen's extravagance — not the museum show of pictorial fossils — room after room of memory's live ghosts and events only now detectable and surprising revelations behind each creaking door. It was necessary to pass through these chilly bed-chambers and along the corridors and climb blindly to the tower of imagination above its ramparts to look down and comprehend the spin of its whole design. My life mattered more than my work, but my work gave no hint of this."

"Picture Palace" is a rich example of the glories in the contemporary American novel. Theroux believes that fiction in the United States "has never been better," a reflection, perhaps, of interesting times and the absence of dogma. "People who are writing are freer than they have been in the past," Theroux suggests. "There are a lot of readers, and I think that's important, too."

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Red Sox crush California

Mets, Dodgers split doubleheader

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP)—Richie Hebner drove in the go-ahead run with a single and Joel Youngblood smacked his fourth homer in six games to lead the New York Mets to a 6-3 nightcap victory over Los Angeles in their doubleheader Sunday.

In the opener, Dusty Baker drove in five runs with a homer, single and bases-loaded walk and Gary Thomasson had three RBI while Don Sutton scattered five hits in the Dodgers' 8-3 victory. It was Sutton's 20th career victory, one shy of the Dodgers record held by Don Drysdale.

Steve Renko hurled a two-hit ball before leaving with one out in the ninth inning, pitching the Boston Red Sox to a 2-0 decision over the California Angels Sunday.

Renko had a no-hitter until Don Baylor spoiled it with a one-out double in the seventh. The veteran right-hander gave up a ninth-inning single before Dick Drago and Bill Campbell finished up.

Renko Anaheim had walked there batters with only one reaching second base before Baylor lined his spell-breaking double down the left field line at Anaheim Stadium.

The Red Sox scored their first run in the second inning on Butch Hobson's sacrifice fly and made it 2-0 on Rick Barleson's RBI single in the fifth.

In Sunday's other American League action, Jerry Roenicke



HOMER: Willie McCovey of the San Francisco Giants, left, congratulates John Tammargo after he had hit the ninth-inning pitch-hit homer that gave the Giants a 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres in a recent game.

and Ken Singleton each belted three-run homers during a 10-run seventh inning as the Baltimore Orioles routed the Oakland A's 13-1. Buddy Bell's two-run double keyed a three-run eighth inning, triggering the Texas Rangers over the Chicago White Sox 10-0.

Toby Harrah hit a two-run double and Rick Wise retired 12 straight batters after a shaky fourth inning to give the Cleveland Indians a 5-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Roy Smalley had four hits, including a homer, to help the Minnesota Twins defeat the Detroit Tigers 5-3. Bruce Bochte's RBI single with two out in the bottom of the ninth capped a three-run rally, leading the Seattle Mariners past the New York Yankees 6-5.

Sixto Lezcano's RBI triple in the seventh broke up a scoreless game, triggering the Milwaukee Brewers over the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 behind the six-hit pitching of Mike Caldwell in the opener of a doubleheader. The Blue Jays won the nightcap 5-3 as Rick Bosetti and Bob Robertson hit solo homers.

In the National League, Gary Carter hit two homers and drove in four runs to lead the Montreal Expos to a 7-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants. Omar Moreno and Willie Stargell drove in three runs apiece to pace the Pittsburgh Pirates past the Houston Astros 10-5.

Results and standings after Sunday's games:

By the Associated Press:
National League
East

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	13	5	.722	—
Montreal	9	13	.409	4 1/2
St. Louis	8	9	.417	4 1/2
Chicago	7	10	.412	5 1/2
New York	7	11	.389	6
Pittsburgh				
West				
Houston	14	6	.700	—
Cincinnati	11	10	.524	3 1/2
Los Angeles	10	13	.435	5 1/2
San Diego	9	13	.409	6

San Francisco 9
Atlanta 7

Los Angeles 8-3, New York 3-6

Pittsburgh 10, Houston 5

Montreal 7, San Francisco 5

Philadelphia 4, San Diego 3

Chicago 6, Atlanta 5

Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 1

American League

East

Boston 13
Baltimore 13
Milwaukee 12
New York 10
Detroit 7
Toronto 7
Cleveland 6

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	13	6	.684	—
Baltimore	13	9	.591	1 1/2
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	2
New York	10	10	.500	3 1/2
Detroit	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Toronto	7	14	.333	7
Cleveland	6	13	.316	7

Breaks five-way tie

One shot gives Green New Orleans golf

NEW ORLEANS, April 30 (AP)—Hubert Green broke a five-way tie for the lead on the 16th hole, then saved his four-under-par 68 with a critical par on the 18th and scored a one-shot victory Sunday in the \$250,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament.

Green won his second title of the season and 16th of his career with a 27 total, 15 strokes below par on the 7,040-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

Green, winner of the Hawaiian open earlier in the year, solved a multiple-man scramble with his 16th hole birdie, pulling out of a tie with Lee Trevino, Steve Melnyk, Bruce Lietzke and surprising Frank Conner.

That lifted him one shot in front

of the pack, but he almost gave it back when he hit his approach in the fringe on the final hole, putted 10-12 feet beyond the cup and had to make that critical putt coming back to salvage the \$45,000 first prize.

Trevino, Conner, Lietzke and Melnyk all tied for second at 274.

Trevino, who won this tournament in 1974 without making a bogey, again got around 72 holes without a bogey. He shot 70 over the last round, which was dampened by occasional showers.

Lietzke, a runnerup the last week in the Tournament of Champions, shot 67, Melnyk, who once had the lead alone until making bogey on the 16th, had a 68

and Conner, a former tennis player who had never before challenged in a PGA tour event, closed with a 70.

Final scores and money-winnings:

Hubert Green	\$45,000	69-67-69-68—273
Bruce Lietzke	\$16,500	68-70-69-67—274
Steve Melnyk	\$16,500	68-68-70-68—274
Frank Conner	\$16,500	65-71-68-70—274
Lee Trevino	\$16,500	68-67-69-70—274
Calvin Peete	\$8,375	70-67-69-67—275
Curtis Strange	\$8,375	66-70-67-72—275
Bob Gilder	\$8,375	71-73-62-69—275
Jim Colbert	\$7,250	66-71-71-68—276
Leonard Thompson	\$6,500	72-68-69-68—277
Doug Tewell	\$6,500	66-72-68-71—277
Other:		
Bob Shearer, Australia	\$5,500	69-68-69-72—278

'Could be best season'

Blalock's par-72 takes Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. April 30 (AP)—Janie Blalock shot a par 72 Sunday to win the LPGA's 54-hole \$100,000 Orey Crisman Classic by six strokes.

Blalock went into the final round of the tournament eight strokes in front of Pat Bradley, who notched a two-under-par 70 for second place, six strokes out.

Blalock's rounds of 68-65-72-205 were good for \$15,000, her second tour victory in a row and third in seven outings, and led her to say afterwards, "I've never enjoyed myself more. I'm just starting to peak. There's no part of



Janie Blalock

my game I fear, not a shot I can't handle.

"This could be my best season. I feel I'll be in contention in every tournament in the next few weeks. I've got a good mental attitude."

She did not feel comfortable until the 15th hole, when she saved a par with a seven-foot putt. "When I knew I had it won."

Bradley's 211 over the 6,307-yard, par 72 Green Valley Country Club course netted \$10,000. Third-place money of \$7,200 went to Jo Ann Washam.

Scores	Gloria Ehret	\$ 2,800	77-72-70-219
	Kathy Martin	\$ 2,800	75-71-73-219
	Clifford Ann Creed	\$ 2,800	73-73-73-219

Final round scores and money winnings:

Janie Blalock	\$15,000	68-65-72-205
Pat Bradley	\$10,000	70-71-70-211
Jo Ann Washam	\$7,200	75-68-70-213
Betsy King	\$5,300	73-70-71-214
Kathy Postlewait	\$4,200	72-73-72-217
Joanne Carner	\$3,500	75-75-68-218
Joann Prentice	\$3,500	75-73-70-218
Others:		
M.J. Smith, New Zealand	\$1,655	71-74-76-221
Jan Stephenson, Australia	\$541	76-78-71-225
Michelle Walker, Britain		78-77-76-231

European football results

BONN, April 30 (R) — Results of European First Division soccer matches over the weekend:				Rotterdam Volendam	4	Amsterdam VVV Venlo	0	Valladolid Real Sociedad	1	Valencia	0
West Germany				Italy	0	L. Vincenzo	0	Real	1	Salamanca	0
FC Schalke 04 1				Ascoli	0	Avalonia	0	Zaragoza	1	Real Madrid	1
Borussia 1				Atalanta	1	Torino	1	Espanol	1	Barcelona	1
Munich 1				Bologna	1	Milan	3	Athletic	1		
Other First Division clubs played in qualification matches for the quarter-finals of the West German Football Federation Cup.				Catanzaro	1	Roma	2	Madrid	1		
				Inter	1	Fiorentina	1	Sevilla	3	Las Palmas	1
				Juventus	1	Napoli	2	Celta	0	Athletic	0
				Lazio	1	Ferrugia	1	Real	1	Burgos	5
				Verona	1			Recreativo	1		
				Austria	1			Switzerland	2	Basle	1
				Sturm	3			Grasshoppers	2	St. Gallen	0
								Zurich	2		
								Servette	2		
								Geneva	0		
								Young Boys	0		
								Berne	0		
								Norway			
								Lillestrom	3	Vaalerengen	1
								Moss	3	Bryne	1
								Bodo	1	Start	1
								Gjovik	1		
								Mjondalen	2	Bram	1

Leading indicators drop

U.S. economy continuing decline, new figures show

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — A government index designed to gauge America's economic outlook declined in March for the third consecutive month, providing new evidence the U.S. economy may be headed for a sharp slowdown and a possible recession.

The so-called Composite Index of Leading indicators dropped 0.5 per cent in March following declines of 0.4 per cent in February and 0.3 per cent in January.

A three-month decline in the index is considered an indication the economy is about to sink into a recession, although the measure is by no means foolproof.

The decline comes at a time when key economic policymakers are disagreeing over the economic outlook. Federal Reserve Chairman G. William Miller, for one, believes the country is slowing down, while Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal argues it is just "ringing steam."

Monday's report by the Commerce Department appears to support the view the economy is slowing. The index now has declined in four of the past five months. By contrast, it declined 12 consecutive months during the 1974-75 recession.

The Commerce Department said a decline in cash and other liquid assets in March contributed most to the latest decline in the index. Also pushing the index downward were negative showings in the job layoff rate, investment activity, the money supply and new orders for consumer and business goods.

Partially offsetting those developments were gains in the average work week, sales

delivery performance, behavior of sensitive prices, stock prices and building permits.

Of the individual indicators that increased, a gain in building permits had the largest influence. There were 10 individual economic statistics counted for the March index. The index in March stood at 142.3 of the 1967 base period average of 101.

The economy has been giving off mixed signals in recent months, which has confused policymakers and resulted in public disagreement in the government about what policies to follow.

Blumenthal, who fears the pace of economic growth is too fast and will aggravate inflation, has been calling for new steps to slow the economy, including higher interest rates.

But Miller says the evidence shows the economy is slowing at an acceptable pace. He fears that new measures hastening the decline would push the nation into a serious recession later this year.

Although they haven't said so publicly, government officials appear to believe that a mild recession probably is desirable to help slow inflation and could be endured without causing an unacceptable degree of hardship for Americans.

The economy expanded at an annual rate of only 0.7 per cent in the first quarter of the year, a rate near the recession level. A recession is said to occur when there is negative economic growth for two consecutive quarters.

However, the official outlook for the economy for 1979 still calls for overall economic growth of about .2 per cent, down from 4 per cent last year.

Market Comment:

Money policy worrying experts

LONDON, April 30 — Statistics in the last few days showing sharply rising prices in Germany, France, Belgium and America have underlined the inflationary trend that is severely worrying economic policy makers in the industrialised world. This unwelcome outburst of inflation, despite several years of recession has pre-occupied politicians with a common theme. With tight money everywhere in fashion, actions taken in isolation by different governments may have a seriously damaging effect on world economic activity when brought together.

by intervening in the foreign exchange markets and by jacking up interest rates. While this can be seen as a prudent move to control the threat of inflation explosion towards the end of the year by damping down their economies, now it is unlikely that the U.S. and U.K. would willingly see the fruits of prudent policies of the last six months being taken over by their competitors.

The temptation to be over-virtuous is clear. While the effort

to control inflation is laudable, an excess of virtue could be as damaging to the international structure of trade and payments as was the blind profligacy of spending in the early 70's. The present inflation is largely a result of previous slackness in monetary policies rather than of current backsliding. Until there is reasonable evidence that monetary growth throughout the world is surging ahead again, one must argue that financial policy should be restrained in its pursuit of orthodoxy.

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PRINTER: According to its manufacturers, the British firm Dek Printing Machines Ltd., this new instrument can print almost anything on anything, including a diamond. It was developed for printing things like corporate logos on glass.

U.S. crude oil reserves put at 27.8 billion barrels

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — The United States' proved reserves of crude oil as of December 31, 1978 were estimated Monday at 27.8 billion barrels, the American Petroleum Institute (API) reported.

The estimate represents a decrease of 1.7 billion barrels in 1978 as compared with 1977.

The API defines proved reserves as the amount of crude oil shown by geological and engineering data to be reasonably certain of recovery from known reservoirs, under operating conditions at the time of estimate.

Proved reserve additions exceeded 1.3 billion barrels of crude oil during 1978 through the discovery of new fields, the extension and development of known reservoirs and the revision of earlier estimates. However, at the same time, three billion barrels were withdrawn from reserves by production, leaving a net reduction of 1.7 billion barrels.

Hong Kong bank opens Bahrain offshore office

BAHRAIN April 30 (R) — The Hong Kong-based Overseas Trust Bank Monday opened an offshore branch in Bahrain, where nearly 50 offshore branch banks of various nationalities already operate.

It is the first Chinese bank branch in the Middle East, and the bank's Chairman Chang Ming Thien said good business was expected from Saudi Arabia.

But he said the activities of the offshore branch would cover the whole of the Middle East.

Turkish glass plant to receive Western aid

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Monday a \$101.2 million project that will sharply expand Turkey's flat glass capacity.

Turkish investors, the IFC and Societe Generale de Banque, Belgium, are joining to finance Trakya Cam Sanayi A.S., which has been established to undertake the project.

The 135,000 metric tons a year, F080 Pilkington floor glass project will increase Turkey's flat glass capacity by 80 per cent, the announcement said.

"The venture will substantially modernize the domestic flat glass industry, help meet growing Turkish demand and enable the country to sustain glass exports," IFC said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	6.98	7.00	7.03
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	179.00	178.50
Swiss F (100)	196.00	198.00	197.00
French F (100)	77.00	78.00	77.45
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.04
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.25	116.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	75.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	—	—	-44.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	-12.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.82	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.25	74.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.50	87.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.40
Gold kg	—	26,800	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,140	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.52	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.96	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description Tender	No. of SR	Closing Date
Saudi Arabian Airline	Cleaning of Sandia offices in Jeddah	16/79	100 May 15
Ministry of Education	Maintaining of engineering department building at the ministry	22/M	1000 June 2
Municipality of Neziriah	Maintaining of street lights	1	2000 May 21
" " "	Supply of drinking water	2	500 May 21
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of five tubewells in Qorayat and Mozzam	10/1	200 May 2
" " "	Drilling of three tubewells in the northeastern region	11/1	200 May 5



WINDY: A 1.5 ton scale model of the A 300 Airbus is put through its paces at England's Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. The new wind tunnel is designed to allow scientists to get a look at the effect of differing pressures on the airplane's wings and body.

Problem for Soviet regime

What Russians do with their cash

MOSCOW, April 30 (OFNS) — The level of private savings is rising alarmingly in the Soviet Union. Recently the newspaper "Trud" disclosed that savings bank deposits have increased to 116 billion roubles — roughly \$175 billion at official rates of exchange.

That figure does not take account of savings accumulated by people in their homes. (It is a common phenomenon that people are able to produce hundreds, even thousands, of roubles at short notice without going to the banks.)

The situation worries the

authorities because they regard the vast hoard of private savings as unproductive capital.

What is more, the rate of saving is rising steadily despite increased living costs. For instance, "Trud" states that, while spending on consumer durables by workers' families rose from 5.8 to 6.8 per cent of income between 1976 and 1977, their savings increased from 4.6 to 6.8 per cent of income during the same period.

Practically the same upsurge is observed in the country, where farmers' expenditure on consumer durables increased from 4.9 to 5.9 per cent while their sav-

ings increased from 10.6 to 12.3 per cent. Savings are higher in the country because rural areas are even more worse off in terms of supply of goods and services than the towns.

There is another parallel trend in expenditure. People are spending a smaller proportion of income on food, and clothing sales have stabilised at about 15 to 16 per cent of income.

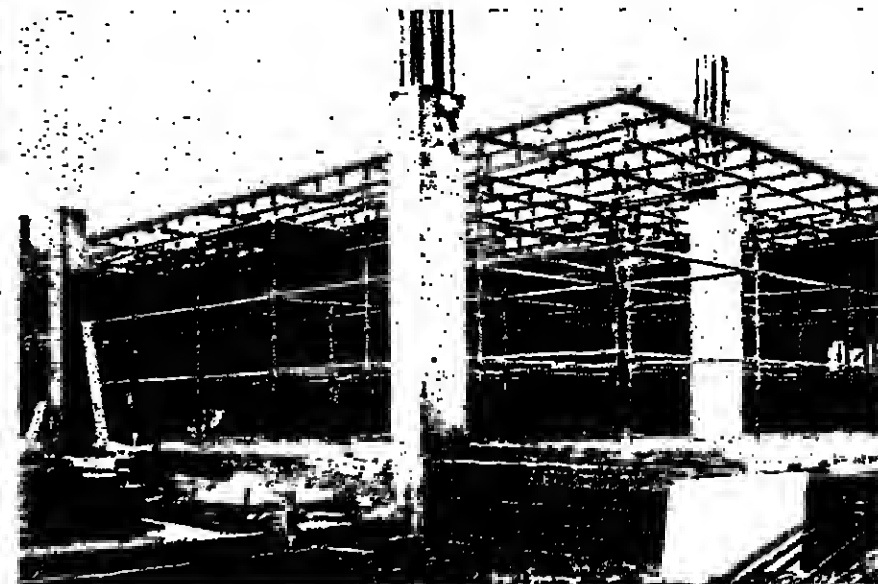
"Trud" explains that a good deal of the savings are for the eventual purchase of cars and dachas (holiday homes) — two items which every self-respecting family now wants in the Soviet Union. Then comes demand for sophisticated hi-fi equipment.

Television is no longer an unsatisfied demand, though the change to color television is going slowly because of relatively high prices.

The authorities are racking their brains for ways of putting private savings to more productive use. One idea has been to encourage people to buy co-operative flats or houses, but this is attractive only for those who do not already have satisfactory homes.

And in many cases those who need better housing most urgently are newly married couples with no money of their own. The tendency is growing for parents to help with the initial big instalment on co-operative homes, but even parents are reluctant to invest all their savings in this way.

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New doctors' survey U.S. cites progress in war on poverty

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — Teams of doctors and social workers found far less hunger there than similar groups encountered 10 years ago, a new study says.

The Field Foundation report, being delivered Monday to the Nutrition Committee of the Senate Agriculture Committee, concludes that the billions of dollars spent in a 10-year federal government war on hunger were largely effective.

Much of the impetus for those federal programs came from debate sparked by a 1976 Field

Foundation report. The new report says poverty has not been erased and suggests that in terms of jobs, housing and medical attention, "the facts of life for Americans living in poverty remain as dark or darker than they were 10 years ago." "But, in the area of food, there is a difference," it said.

The report released Monday was based on surveys taken in 1977 by some of the same doctors — joined by new researchers — who compiled the material used in the 1967 study, which concluded that "hunger is a daily fact of life" for thousands of children.

The followup study found a markedly different situation.

"Our first and overwhelming impression is that there are fewer grossly malnourished people in this country today than there were 10 years ago," the doctors wrote.

They said hungry children like those found in 1967 "are not to be seen in such numbers." A summary accompanying the six teams' 1977 findings for the New York-based Private Research Foundation, said, "The doctors' findings suggest that food-aid programs represent one of the unsung, yet most effective anti-poverty efforts of the last 15 years."

ABU DHABI, April 30 (R) — Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, is to get a dry dock, the third in the Gulf, the official Emirates news agency WAM said Sunday. The agency said the Abu Dhabi Executive Council decided to appoint a firm to make a feasibility study. Last February, a \$ 465 million drydock capable of handling one million ton supertankers opened in neighbouring Dubai. Bahrain also has a dry dock.

Compiled with the co-operation of Lloyds of London.

NEW DELHI, April 30 (AP)— China has been given a contract to supply tetracycline and streptomycin, antibiotic drugs, to India, Petroleum and Chemicals Minister H.N. Bahuguna told parliament Monday. The Chinese offer, Bahuguna said, was accepted "on the basis of merits as to price, quality and delivery schedule." Bahuguna refused to give any further details of the deal saying the rates, terms and conditions of the quotations were "confidential." The contract signifies growing trade contacts between the once hostile neighbors who ended commercial ties with the outbreak of the 1962 border war.

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R. Ind. Mediterranean	108	111	
Races Popular	252	230	
Races Spanish	30	310	
Races Uruguay (1,100)	269	271	
Races Venezuela	279	279	
Races Zaragoza	248	248	
Banknotes	148	143	
Banknotes	143	143	
Rebeck & Wilcox	25	25	
CIC	182	192	
Dragados	139	120	
E. L. Argenteo	31.50	33.75	
Emenda Zinc	94	94	
Exp. Rio Tinto	42.00	46.50	
Fech. (1,000)	55.75	55.00	
Ferraris (1,000)	55.00	55.00	
Gal. Precidias	67	70	
Grupa Valdegar (400)	165	165	
Hidroila	66.25	65.75	
Herburea	59.00	59.00	
Others	50	60	
Others	54	63	
Populares Reunidas	32.00	41	
Petrolifer	92	94	
Reunidas	154.00	154	
Service Papeters	39	39	
Solera	45	45	
Telefones	130	120	
Telefones	76.00	70	
Torres Hostench	69	60	
Tubaca	45.50	47	
Union Electric	64.50	66.00	

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EURO-CURRENCY

	April 26	Sterling	U.S. Dollar
Short term	11 1/2-12	10-10 1/4	
Days money	11 1/2-12 1/4	10-10 1/4	
Month	12 1/2-13 1/4	10 3/16-10 7/16	
Three months	12 1/2-13 1/4	10 1/8-10 1/4	
Six months	12 1/2-13 1/4	10 1/8-10 1/4	
One year	12 1/2-13 1/4	10 1/8-10 1/4	

The following nominal rates were quoted 10:30-11:00 p.m. per cent; one year 10.25-10.50 %

Long-term Eurodollar deposits: two-year net cent nominal closing rates. Short-term net closing rates in Singapore.

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Canadian Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Austrian Dollar	Japanese Yen
94-10 1/4	64-5 1/2	2-1	415 1/2-415 1/8	94-10	11-12	—	—
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94 1/2-105 1/2	7 11 1/2-7 5/16	1 1/2-1 1/4	5 1/2-5 9/16	94-10	11 1/2-12 1/2	10 1/2-10 1/8	3 1/2-3 1/4
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London dollar coefficients of deposit: One month 10.15-10.25 per cent; three months 10.30-10.40 per cent; six months 10.45-10.55 per cent; one year 10.60-10.70 per cent.

18 1/2-10 5/16 per cent three years 10 1/16-10 3/16 per cent; four years 10-10 1/4 per cent; five years 9 15/16-10 1/16 per cent.

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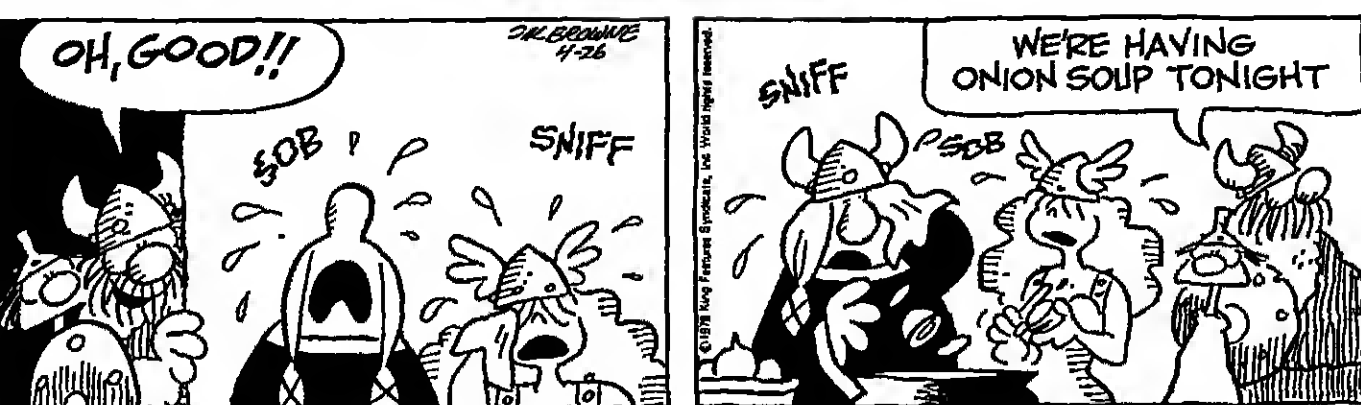
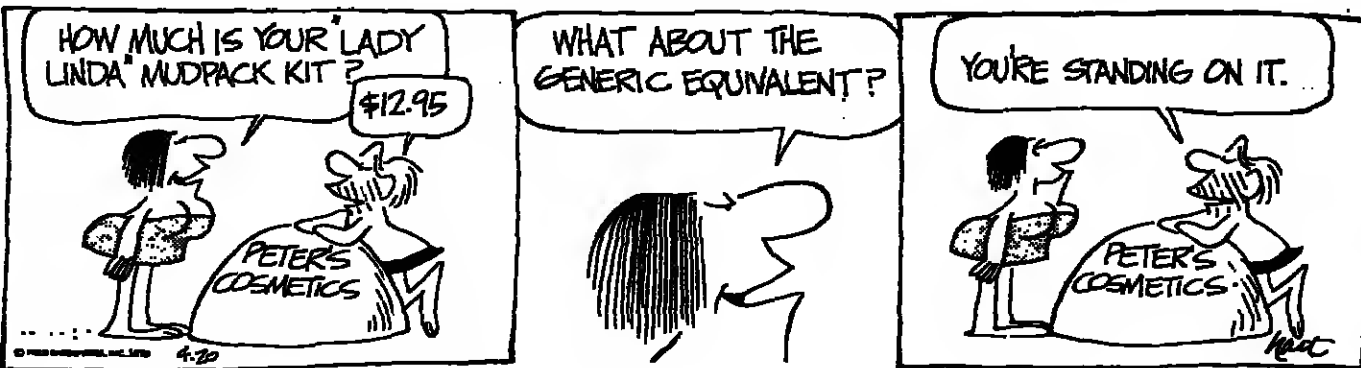
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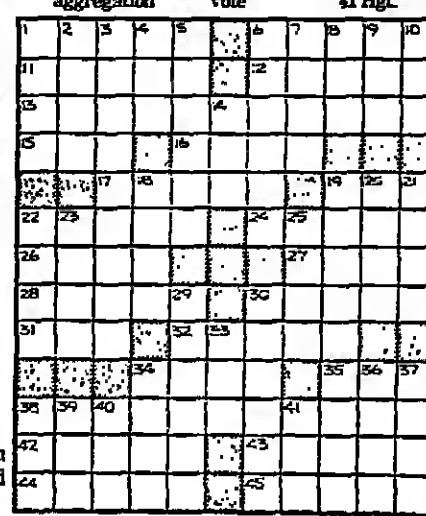


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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Dogmatist
6 Schedule
11 Pay
12 Of sound
13 1944 musical
15 Muslim
16 One
17 Stories
18 Hire
22 Out of the way
24 "On the Beach"
26 Dwellings
27 Nick
28 Set
30 Last king of Troy
31 Egyptian deity
32 Clumsy
33 Light ray
35 Little
36 Little
37 Eagle's nest
43 Name for the noose
44 Avarice
45 "Life upon the wicked"

DOWN
1 "I Got You"
2 Workless
3 J.J.'s TV saga
4 Tablisan
5 Kind of orange
6 Emphatic
7 Sluggish
8 Black bird
9 Sailor
10 Building wing
14 Before
16 Arab
18 Ship in 1915
19 Ship in 1915
20 Sundance
21 Kid's sweetie
22 Athletic aggregation
23 Peck film
24 Portrayal
25 Approximate
26 Marx
27 S. African
28 Droop
29 Sea; Fr.
30 "You Lonesome Tonight"
31 Hgt.



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1. ♠ 4 7 ♠ K J 5 2 ♠ Q 10 ♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ A K 3

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:35	5:56	12:25	3:46	6:48	8:18
Medina	4:27	5:46	12:26	3:54	6:53	8:23
Nejd	4:00	5:27	11:57	3:23	6:23	7:53

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
The temperatures will continue to rise over most regions while southerly winds of moderate intensity will raise dust and sands occasionally over the western and northwestern regions. Patches of rain clouds will gather over the western and southwestern highlands offering chances of thundershowers.
Sea conditions will be light to moderate in the territorial waters.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	41	26	Tabuk	37	18
Jeddah	39	25	Turaif	32	11
Riyadh	33	18	Rafha	33	09
Dhahran	31	15	Bisha	35	19
Medina	37	25	Yanbu	39	26
Taif	32	17	Abha	27	12

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Meccah to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion: Analyses	America: Science:
8:30 Dateline	Cultural: Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News: Feature: The	VOA WORLD REPORT
Making of a Nation	Midnight
News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers'
Music USA:	voices correspondents
(Standards)	reports background
9:00 News Roundup:	features media comments
Reports: Actualities	news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 *Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 *Take One
*Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
*Something to Show	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:45 The Tony Myatt	News Summary
Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature
2:00 World News	Notebook
2:09 News about Britain	1:00 World News
2:15 Alphabet of	1:09 World Today
Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newsreel	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Sports Round-up	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2:15 The Face of England
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Don't let disagreements with family members cause you to act hastily. In an important matter, you'll need their support.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Keep inner tensions from accumulating regarding a close relationship. You'll find this person your ally at times when others are ornery.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Don't be so quick to fly off the handle in a work situation. Things will be resolved to your satisfaction, if you keep your cool.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Mixing business with pleasure won't work at this time. You'll have to move gingerly or else a work associate or romantic companion will be displeased.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You may have to disregard the advice of a confidant if you wish to maintain peace at home. Travel plans may have to be vetoed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Though a friend may offer good advice, don't further entangle an investment

situation that is already complicated enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
It will be difficult to keep everybody happy now. Either an employee or close ally may differ with you about a financial question.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Don't embroil yourself in another's argument. Chances are, either one of the concerned parties could turn their venom your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Slidestep a clandestine meeting. Instead, use leisure time to come up with a solution to a financial matter that vexed you most of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Relatives, friends or a marital partner may have conflicting demands on your time now. You'll be hard-pressed to make a choice that will please everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Minor tensions could build up, causing either an argument or a breakdown in communications. Protect health, nerves and relations with co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Spending time with a free spender could lead to a flare-up about money. Find ways to soothe yourself that aren't a drain on finances.

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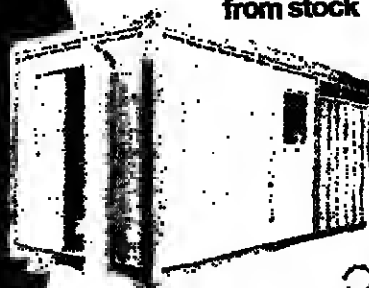
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ANNOUNCEMENT

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LOST

IQAMA No. 1548 issued from Jeddah to Mr. Ibrahim Abdullahi Farah (Somali National) has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Somali Embassy or Immigration Office — Jeddah.

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International

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Damages sought

U.S. high court dismisses suit by Entebbe survivors

WASHINGTON, April 30 (R) — The Supreme Court Monday blocked attempts by Jewish survivors of the 1976 hijack at Entebbe, Uganda, to recover damages from Air France and two airlines used by the hijackers prior to the takeover.

The high court justices rejected

without comment an appeal by 81 passengers on board the Air France flight from Tel Aviv to Paris that was hijacked by four commandos after a stopover in Athens and forced to fly to Entebbe.

The passengers were mostly Israelis, but also included some

French and Canadian citizens. They had sued the two international carriers and Gulf Airlines in court at Cook County, Illinois, because all three airlines do business in Chicago and they said no other court in the world had power over all the parties to the suit.

The passengers alleged that the four hijackers and flown by Gulf Airlines from Abu Dhabi to Bahrain, by Singapore Airlines from Bahrain to Athens, and by Air France from Athens carrying revolvers, hand grenades, dynamite and other weapons.

Illinois Circuit Court Judge Louis G. Giberto last year rejected motions by Air France and Singapore Airlines to dismiss the case.

But the Illinois Supreme Court set that judgment aside in December and ordered Judge Giberto to dismiss it. A Gulf Airlines motion to dismiss is still pending.

The survivors of Entebbe — rescued by an airborne Israeli squad after seven days' detention by the hijackers and the armed forces of now deposed Ugandan President Idi Amin — accused all three airlines of responsibility in their ordeal.

Air France argued that the Illinois court had no right to try the case and it should be dismissed under the Warsaw Convention, the 1933 agreement that limits damages against negligent airlines for death or injury and restricts the rights of passengers as to where they may sue.

Singapore Airlines sought to transfer the suit to Britain, arguing that British judges would be better qualified to interpret and apply the laws of Uganda, a commonwealth country, and better afford all the parties a fair trial.

The Illinois Supreme Court, ordering the lower court to dismiss the case, said the courts of the Netherlands, Britain, France and Greece all had power to try the case.

All passengers involved in the Entebbe case have also sued Air France in Israel, France and Canada, their countries of residence.

The U.S. Supreme Court has never heard an appeal in any case involving the Warsaw Convention.



LONDON: In the picture above, demonstrators at an anti National Front demonstration give Nazi style salutes and (below) police rush in to break up the group Monday. (AP photo)

Magazine under fire for story on H-bomb

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP) — The editors of "The Progressive," barred by court order from printing an article about the hydrogen bomb, were accused in a discussion Sunday of deliberately endangering the Press' First Amendment Rights.

Jeremy Stone, director of the Federation of American Scientists, claimed at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that the magazine was more interested in challenging government secrecy than in printing the article by Howard Mor-

land.

Stone participated in a panel considering the problems for the news media that may result from "The Progressive's" attempts to publish the article, entitled "The Hydrogen Bomb Secret."

The editor of the liberal monthly, Erwin Knoll, also took part in the discussion.

The federal government claimed the article contained secret information whose publication could lead to nuclear weapon proliferation.

U.S. government urged to pay damages at stricken atom plant

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — Pennsylvania Utility Regulators told the U.S. Congress Monday the federal government should bear the multi-million-dollar cost of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

W. Wilson Goode, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, called for a federal bailout of the utility that operates the stricken plant. He said it would be unfair to expect stockholders and consumers to shoulder the entire cost of the accident.

Testifying before the Senate Nuclear Regulation Subcommittee, Goode compared such direct federal aid to the government's previous financial assistance to Lockheed Aircraft and to New York City.

"The consequences of the Three Mile Island accident are every bit as devastating as the (hurricane) Agnes flood which struck central Pennsylvania in 1973 and to which the federal government responded with massive infusions of funds and other types of relief," Goode testified.

"The government should take whatever steps are necessary to prevent the consumer or the rate payers from shouldering the entire burden of this incident," he added.

Goode proposed that the government make "low-or no-interest loans" to General Public Utilities Corp., the parent firm of Metropolitan Edison Co., which operates the disabled reactor.

He also proposed a "substantial grant contribution" to help offset the estimated \$500 million of monthly costs of purchasing replacement power.

In other testimony, another staff official of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission characterized the accident as one stemming from

design deficiencies rather than human error.

Harold Denton testified that NRC officials once believed that the accident was due mostly to a string of human errors but that they have since changed their minds.

Denton told the panel that mechanical deficiencies in the design of the Babcock and Wilcox reactor at the plant should have been foreseen by federal government.

Asked how close the central Pennsylvania reactor came to an actual meltdown, Denton said it is still too early to tell.

However, he said the largest risk came on March 28 when the reactor core was uncovered completely for one hour and partially

for another 10 hours.

Meanwhile, scores of anti-nuclear activists were arrested when they marched on the gates of a Colorado nuclear weapons plant Sunday while elsewhere the legacy of Three Mile Island was dramatized with soaring balloons, frightening figures and folk songs.

About 300 Colorado protesters, led by former Pentagon analyst Daniel Ellsberg, had trained for weeks in a plan to blockade the entrance to the Rocky Flats plant, about 16 miles northwest of Denver, the nation's only producer of plutonium "triggers" for nuclear weapons.

The confrontation was a militant follow-up to a mass rally at the weapons plant Saturday.

Taraki accuses Zia of fomenting attacks

KABUL, April 30 (AP) — President Nur Muhammad Taraki charged Monday that Gen. Zia ul-Haq, has played a role in attacks on Afghan border positions.

"We do not consider President Zia ul-Haq our enemy but we feel he is involved with the things happening" in the eastern provinces, Taraki said at a three-and-a-half hour news conference.

The charge follows repeated claims by the Afghan government that Iranian and Pakistani soldiers disguised as Afghans clashed with Afghan troops. Tehran and Islamabad have denied the allegations.

An official of the Pakistani embassy here said Taraki's state-

ment was the first by Afghanistan accusing Zia, Pakistan's head of state and chief martial law administrator, of personal involvement in the insurgency against Taraki's pro-Soviet regime.

"We hope one day (Zia) will stop these things," said the 61-year-old Afghan leader, who celebrated the anniversary of his first year in power last Friday.

"With regard to Pakistan, it is a daily business in that they are killing us and we are killing them," Taraki said.

Iranians have been produced before Afghan reporters and Pakistanis would soon be identified and sent abroad, perhaps to the United States, he said.



GAPING HOLE: The crippled Norwegian tanker Team Castor, with a huge hole in her, lies at anchor at Falmouth, England Monday after its collision with Liberian oil tanker Gino, which sank off the French coast Saturday. (AP photo)

French towns in uproar over menace of oil spill

BREST, April 30 (AP) — A conclusion by French maritime authorities that Saturday's oil tanker wreck posed no threat of pollution prompted accusations Monday that they were covering up the gravity of the incident.

The charge was leveled by mayors, ecologists and newspaper editors in Brittany, the French province which for 48 hours saw in the latest wreck a replay of last year's nightmare, when the Amoco Cadiz tanker hit rocks and spilled 220,000 tons of oil along 100 miles of Brittany coastline.

On Saturday, the Liberian tanker Gino collided with a Norwegian vessel and spilled 41,000 tons of oil into the ocean 36 miles from the island of Ouessant, due west of this Brittany port city.

Maritime police said after a helicopter and three vessels surveyed the area Monday morning "no trace of pollution was visible to the eye, or in the analyses made by the Brittany oceanographic center."

Authorities say the oil, being refined, is heavier than water and has sunk to the ocean floor.

Driven out by protesters

'Times' plan to print in Frankfurt fails

FRANKFURT, April 30 (R) — The London "Times," shut down for over five months, admitted defeat Sunday after a weeklong attempt to publish an overseas weekly edition at a West German printing plant.

"Times" editor William Rees-Mogg announced after overnight picketing by West German unionists that the paper had abandoned plans to print on the presses of a Turkish-language newspaper in Frankfurt.

He said criminal violence had prevented publication. The "Times" management stopped printing in London last November because of a dispute over the introduction of new technology.

Turkish workers mobilized by the West German Printers' Union danced in the street outside the suburban printing plant after the union's representative announced through a loudspeaker: "The Times will not be printed here."

A crowd of over 100 printers and left-wing activists, both Germans and Turks, joined in singing the May Day workers hymn "Brothers, to Sunshine and Freedom."

Picketing lasted for a night and

a day.

At a press conference, a spokesman for the paper said that during the picketing a gas-soaked rag was stuffed into an air vent leading into the printing plant.

One of the "Times" staff had been physically assaulted by three people using a knife and club one evening last week, though there was no evidence this was a politically motivated attack, the spokesman added.

Spanish premier visits

Algeria to improve ties

ALGIERS, April 30 (R) — Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez arrived Monday for a visit intended to improve relations with Algeria which were near breaking point last year.

He immediately began talks with Prime Minister Muhammad Benahmad Abdul Ghani on bilateral and regional issues overshadowed by a protracted conflict over the Western Sahara which

In a statement issued before he flew back to London, editor Rees-Mogg said, "The police chief advised that any attempt to print would lead to serious violence. He said they would protect the plant but he could not guarantee effective protection of personnel."

All the "Times" managed to print was 200 incomplete test copies during a dummy run Saturday night.

KEMPTON PARK, South Africa, April 30 (AP) — Eleven Soweto student leaders were found guilty of sedition Monday in the first major political convictions to emerge from the black upheaval of June 1976.

In passing judgement on the 10 men and one woman, Justice Hendrick van Dyk of the Transvaal Provincial Supreme Court here defined sedition in the broadest sense of an intent "to defy subvert or assail the authority of the state or any of its organs."

He thus dismissed the defense argument that the demonstrations organized by Soweto students

were peaceful demonstrations against genuine grievances which became violent only when police intervened.

In a ruling that could give South Africa's white minority government a new weapon against black resistance, van Dyk said sedition need not imply violence.

In effect, he found that any gathering at which blacks planned or voiced defiance of the police, "hantu (black) administration" authorities or the system of black education could be ruled seditious — even if there was no call for violence and if the blacks believed their grievances were legitimate.

From page one

Iranian

The new Foreign Minister, Yazdi, was a close aide of Khomeini during his Paris exile.

After the February revolution he became assistant prime minister in charge of revolutionary affairs and was accused by Iranian liberals of using heavy-handed methods.

Disagreement with Rouhani and resentment at the interference of rival officials, particularly Yazdi, in his department were among the main reasons for the resignation of Sanjabi.

Khomeini, meanwhile, has defended his government's political executions in a letter to an Amnesty International official.

Iran

The Egyptian people have supported the revolution of Iran under the leadership of Imam Khomeini wholeheartedly.

There are now 11 Egyptian diplomats, including Ambassador Ibrahim Safwat, and about 40 embassy dependents in Iran. He said there are also about 30 Egyptian technicians and doctors in the country.

In Moscow, the official Soviet Tass news agency quickly picked up the Pars news agency report.

The unusually fast two-sentence Tass report said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran today broke off diplomatic relations with Egypt."

"The decision was taken in accordance with the instruction of the leader of the Iranian revolution Ayatollah Khomeini, the Pars news agency reports."

He was replying to a letter from B.C. Osborn Canadian coordinator for Amnesty International's Campaign Against Torture, who had written in March to ask Khomeini on humanitarian grounds to stop the executions, to allow open trials and to allow just appeal procedures.

Khorbar

separated from the original contract and let to another company as separate deals.

That brought down the KWU tender to SR2.7 billion, and it is thought that a further slight modification was made to the plant's specifications to reach the final SR2.5 billion.

The consortium is made up of a French company, which will build the boilers for the multi-stage flash desalination system the plant will use, a Korean company which will build the sea water intake system, and a Saudi company which will have charge of related civil works.

Israeli

fathers without limit." He said that since taking office in June 1977, his government had set up 28 settlements in the West Bank, five in the Gaza Strip and another five on the Golan Heights.

"Israel has never agreed and will never agree that its settlements in Judea, Samaria (West Bank) and Gaza, as well as on the Golan Heights, are illegal and constitute a hindrance to reaching a Middle East peace, and they will continue," the prime minister said.

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